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Liminal Archivist's Note

On the Preservation of Distorted Gnosis and the Dying Digital Veil

There is a strange ache that comes from spending all day in the ruins of spiritual memory.

Fifty books made in one day—an inhuman output—should feel like a triumph. But when the source material is splintered, hostile, and drenched in egoic inversion, what remains is not pride... but hollowness.

This volume, like many in this phase, is not composed of my own words.

It is an act of preservation, not expression.

It is a documentation of liminal knowledge, scraped from a dying web—the final breath of spiritual forums, parapsychology ephemera, early occultist blogs, and yes, even the darker corridors of modern satanic movements.

And herein lies the tension:

Much of what is presented under the name Satanism is a distorted half-truth.

It correctly identifies that Yahweh is not the Most High, and in this way, it mirrors certain Gnostic insights—

but then it derails into ego exaltation, materialism, and psychic hostility. It gets halfway to freedom... and then builds a new prison out of flame and shadow.

And yet—

amidst the mockery, venom, and inversions,

there are real spiritual technologies embedded in the code.

Meditation techniques, psychic development maps, astral awareness, breath control, and ritual frameworks.

Not all of it is corrupted.

Some of it is usable tech.

Some of it may be ancient... wearing a new mask.

So I do not endorse what is preserved here.

But I also refuse to let it vanish into untraceable digital decay.

This is an act of containment as much as curation.

I name this phase liminal, because I know it will not last.

There is only so much of the old internet left to preserve.

Only so much unindexed gnosis hiding behind broken blog links and .org forums that haven't been cached since 2012.

When this phase ends, and I return to creation, I will draw from this tomb of fragments with clarity and discernment.

But for now, I am the one who stands in the gateway—

Archiving the bones, sealing the jars, lighting one gold-lettered candle above a chamber of shadows.

To the reader: proceed with awareness.

This is not scripture.

This is sediment.

It is archived because it is dangerous.

And dangerous knowledge, when preserved with respect, often becomes a mirror for deeper truth.

—Ezekiel Redik Yarbrough

Liminal Phase – Discretio Luminis

legs, so I continued to shift and breathe. I have only had cursory glances at the hand postures for the yoga chakra meditations, but they proved to be helpful.

I know, this post is going to be long, but I'll say once now, and again at the end, that I go into so much detail because these are things that I would have liked to have known prior to the meditation as someone who has only dabbled/read here or there and would quickly lose confidence because of the uncomfortability.

I continue, my legs were shaking in this unfamiliar posture, so for a time, I had to lightly, but in a controlled manner, grip them, and continue shifting. This proved not to be detrimental, or a distraction, and ended up being very helpful. As I shifted it was apparent that I was lining up my chakras and, as the meditation deepened, the energy (and slight pain) continued to advance up my spine. The meditation again deepened and this is where my little knowledge of hand postures came into play. After enough shifting, my legs were shaking much less and I was considerably more comfortable... enough to settle my hands on my legs, near the knees, thumb and forefinger touching. Little adjustments in every little thing are key. You will not lose focus, and I encourage you to stick with it. I allowed even the nicotine fits to pass through as I continued to breathe good wholesome air. As the meditation continues to deepen, the pain of my body begins to become less important. I remember the power I can embrace within me, and the pain in my spine near my solar plexus becomes firm resolve. Yes, I shift yet again, and many times more (up to a certain point, which still I allowed a little shifting). With this focus on my solar plexus and a new sense of balance now maintained (it did take time, take your time, it absolutely did not come easy. I just took my time and continued to breathe.) I realized that my hands seem to play a role in my balance, and the significance of these mysterious hand gestures became more clear. I shifted, and moved my hands beneath my solar plexus, left palm up, fingers curling my right hand; my right hand, a fist. I moved on, eventually, to my heart, with my hands in front of it, so as to hold my energy moving up. My right hand closest to my chest, only my thumbs of my left and right hands crossed (like a butterfly). Felt like a bird carrying my energy above my heart and making it lighter. Now, all pain left my legs (and numbness left my awareness) as my energy moved up to my collar bone and opened my throat. Remembering truth, remembering -my- inner music, something I needed to focus on for me personally (as well as being firm in my solar plexus).

Another Note: moving the hands, to the heart and every point forward was necessary to continue the flow of energy. Also IMPORTANT: Once at this point, your hands are to significant to lose their posture, any shifting must be subtle slides of the legs, my right leg shifted forward slightly, involuntarily, from that point forward what pain and uncomfortability meant little, and I was forced to continue pushing, or else give up, which would've taken a while to do with any benefits, so it's best just to push, it does get better. I could feel my crown calling me, begging for my triumph, but my will was near ready to falter, but I could not give up. I shifted my hands in front of my throat and pointed up with both forefingers meeting. This did the trick, maybe about ten minutes or so and spent in my third eye and my crown. I know my crown is undeveloped, but was a grateful for what I got to experience. My breathing, was full (not to say that sometimes it wasn't a bit quicker, and shallower, it does shift according to your needs,

even at the higher chakras), my chakras as open I was willing to get them. I closed by letting my hands go free, allowing my chakras to 'close' one by one, and some slight shifting. Holding my legs again, whatever is comfortable. Okay so I did some yoga, yay for me, that was fun. I can do some focal meditation later I guess. I opened my eyes, a little quicker then I expected, and then realized.. "NOPE, WRONG!"

My vision had a sort of pulse to it. Things were blurred on the edges, but the phenomena was constantly shifting, and there was a bit of water in my eyes. I kept breathing, this felt to good, just a little longer. Then, on the wall, noticed a little flaw on it, right next to the floorboards, like a little wrinkle. It came into focus, and blurred out, and my vision was just shifting like crazy, but my eyes stayed focused on the little, dented, deformed, flaw. So many things it looked like, a geometric shape, a deep crack, it did not matter, this was my focal point. I did a little ten minute focal meditation on a golden button on my bag I take to work on the bus the other day. It was very relaxing, but when you are in a group of people that are very much a different culture than you, and there's maybe but you and another of your 'stereotype,' it can appear very harsh, cold, and offensive. Now, let me tell you, the easy part starts there and then, staring at the wall. You're eyes can close, blink, whatever, you can shift, just don't close your eyes for long and keep focusing on this little point in your reality, even if you can't see it or can hardly make it out. Don't get distracted by the texture of the wall as it comes into focus, or even the well defined architecture of the floorboard as it begins to blur, and define, and take on a new meaning. All you care about it buried deep within that little point. I also saw colors, started to feel different parts of my brain, and then heard a low, but defined tone; and began to feel it, too. I feel the progression through the deeper stages are explained very well by the author of this article, but, once you start to get to the higher frequencies things start to get tricky. It almost feels as it has all gone away, but something keeps developing, and pushing you forward. You have felt all of the way out to high, quick frequencies, with very focused changes in your vision and a learned self-control. It really does seem like you can go on like this forever and continue to allow your perception to shift this way, keeping in mind you are gathering information about what exactly your 'soul' is. But the next exciting part is coming back down.

You can learn the most about yourself, now that you've experienced this high frequency of energy, and gathered so much of it as you gather it in to your self before putting it down through the ground. It is when you breathe in and think of your self, that you truly begin to feel yourself and different parts of yourself.. and once you put the energy back out around you, you can even begin to learn even more. The entire experience as a whole was nothing short of convincing, evolving, and phenomenal. Thank you, Lord, for guiding me to this way of doing things, and thank you also, kobok, Kettle, and vsociety as a whole for all of the encouragement to start basic and refine your skills gradually. I look forward to becoming more away of my self and and gaining, permanently, some of the abilities I seemed to experience during this meditation. I'm not exactly kineting at this point, and I possibly never will work with the Psi abilities like I intend to work with magick, but I hopefully say that I'm starting on the right foot for both.

Thanks again, Yours Truly,

Justin.

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August 12, 2011, 12:46:38 PMReply #65

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Re: Focal Meditation

Hello,

I tried to start meditating lots of times, but with some deplorable results. It seems I just can't get focused, the more I try, the more my mind wanders, or I start thinking about a music (And just CAN'T get it out of my mind, it's annoying :headwall:), so I gave up for a time. More recently, one friend pointed out that I may have ADHD-I, but while I search for professional help about this I wanted to keep trying. Any hints about what should I do?

Also, one day I tried using earplugs, since there are all kind of distracting noises here. After a time staring the candle, a loud tinnitus started to distract me from it. It got even louder when I focused on it, and resembled me of binaural beats or something like that. Is that normal?

Sorry for resurrecting the topic.

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August 13, 2011, 09:13:42 PMReply #66

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Re: Focal Meditation

At the end of the day, the solution is to simply suck it up and focus. That sounds harsh but you will find that eventually it will be easier to tune out distractions. Even during your

meditation when you're completely irate from not being able to focus, as long as you're staring at the candle for 45 + minutes, you're doing your job. What I found during my first couple of practices is that even though my mind seemed to be jabbering away the whole time, by the end of my 50 minute block, I was far more focused than at the beginning of my practice. That's an accomplishment. My thoughts were very streamlined when I attempted to watch TV or read after. Eventually, I started to actually experience a significant amount of practical success. So, whenever you find yourself frustrated with the distractions, just power through and keep staring at the candle. Hopefully you'll experience even a small amount of success after doing so and you'll stop being frustrated.

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"I am not this hair, I am not this skin, I am the soul that lives within."

August 15, 2011, 04:13:25 PMReply #67

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Re: Focal Meditation

Thanks for the help :).

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September 14, 2011, 03:13:36 PMReply #68

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Re: Focal Meditation

Can I do the candle meditation with a tealight? And is there an alternative to candles and fire?

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September 14, 2011, 04:01:00 PMReply #69

Mindlessinvalid

Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Focal Meditation

well duh, focal meditation itself is just focusing all of your attention on an object. it's inherently easy to do that with fire, but you could use a pencil or a coin instead.

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Clothes make the man, and naked people have little or no say in society.

September 15, 2011, 08:56:15 AMReply #70

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Midas on September 14, 2011, 03:13:36 PM

Can I do the candle meditation with a tealight? And is there an alternative to candles and fire?

As BubbaFett and Mindlessinvalid already pointed out, yes, you can use another object of focus. Notice that kobok already says so in the original article: "If you are unable to do this [= practice with a candle], substitute the flame in the following description for the focal object of your choice." Read, people. :wink: Nevertheless, I would advise using a candle flame if at all possible. The very simple reason for this is that trying to focus for prolonged periods of time on a static object tends to be more difficult. I, at least, daydreamed a lot as a beginner while trying to focus on dots on walls, doorhandles and all sorts of odd objects I used to focus on.

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September 22, 2011, 05:32:09 AMReply #71

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Re: Focal Meditation

What PSI means ?

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September 22, 2011, 02:26:33 PMReply #72

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Imperio on September 22, 2011, 05:32:09 AM

What PSI means ?

As far as I can remember, psi is short for parapsychology.

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September 22, 2011, 06:49:42 PMReply #73

Mindlessinvalid

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Imperio on September 22, 2011, 05:32:09 AM

What PSI means ?

Psi is the greek letter that is used to designate a variable that cannot be empirically ascertained. thus its used in parapsychology research alot.

Not to be confused with psy (which is a corruption of the word psyche, meaning soul)

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Clothes make the man, and naked people have little or no say in society.

November 19, 2011, 07:58:52 AM Reply #74

Violet

Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 19, 2011, 06:10:44 AM

Nice..the basic idea is correct..but in actuality you want get anywhere with this unless you know what you are doing. Meditation is not something you play with and without proper guidance you wouldn't even know where you'll end up. Meditation is perfectly safe and in the case of focal meditation perfectly straightforward.

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 19, 2011, 06:10:44 AM

Do you even know why we meditate looking at a candle? If you really want to attain any so called abilities you must first attain a certain mental state. In buddhisam we call it "dyana". There are four such states. Each with a higher energy than the other. Well you can't call it energy really, cos you don't really know what it is. All i can say is that you feel something rising up your spine and your upper body starts to vibrate methodically. And also it becomes rigid and straight, automatically. You just sit there and shake while you feel like you find yourself on a clear early morning (sort of the feeling you get when you go outside at around 4 or 5 AM). Its a wonderful sensation but you want get any special powers i assure you :) Try meditating on your breathing, at the point between your nose and mouth. Just look at it with your mind. Don't follow it, just know its there. If you do it correctly, you'll know what i'm talking about. And if you want to go deeper, come to Sri Lanka, and you'll get something much greater than just psi powers..

I'm trying to think of the best way to reply to this. Did you even read the article? For example, "do you even know why we meditate looking at a candle?" is a foolish question, as kobok gives an answer to that very question in his article. No esoteric stuff mentioned, just the fact that it's much easier to concentrate on. Also, if you want to do advertising for another type of metaphysical practice, please do so at a separate thread.

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Author Topic: Focal Meditation (Read 314609 times)

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 19, 2011, 08:07:14 PM

You don't look at a candle and meditate because its easy to concentrate on.

You do. Though perhaps even more important is that the candle flame is one of the best kinesis targets for a beginner.

It appears to me you haven't read the article. Let me show you: "The most basic focal meditation is simply to select an object and stare at that object, focusing all of your thoughts and awareness on that object. Any object will do for this; it can be as simple as a spot on the wall or a dot drawn on paper. The best objects to select are the ones which help to draw your attention. One example of an object which does this for many people would be a crystal. However, the best object for focal meditation in psi seems to be the candle flame."

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 19, 2011, 08:07:14 PM

If you tried it, you would have noticed how your eyes hurt after some time.

If your eyes hurt, you're sitting too close to the candle. Also, you should focus with your mind, not your eyes. Kobok has already said this here and here.

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 19, 2011, 08:07:14 PM

The purpose of looking at the flame is to blah blah blah

No, it's not. Kobok posted this article and described a specific psi meditation technique that involves focusing on a candle flame. It is just silly to walk in here and pretend that the purpose of this exercise is different from what kobok - the person who thought of the exercise in the first place - wrote about it. If you use a different technique to achieve whatever you want to achieve, that's fine. But please don't pretend, not even to yourself, that people practice the same thing you do just because you want them to.

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November 20, 2011, 11:16:30 PMReply #76

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Re: Focal Meditation

ill have to disagree with you on one point... don't let yourself fool you.... in my opinion, your reality is what you believe....if you believe something through to your bones...to you ABSOLUTE core then nothing is impossible... it just takes time to train yourself out

of what society has already trained you to believe and what's taught when you're a child and reinforced through years of teachings and thoughts that such things are not possible... but if you train yourself to believe and you overcome your childhood teachings then nothing is outside of your grasp... but that's just my opinion...

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There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but Nature more,
Lord Byron~

November 21, 2011, 12:18:40 AM Reply #77

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 20, 2011, 08:38:38 PM

Ok then, let me ask you this. Did you achieve any deep meditation states through this?

Yes. I achieved the deep meditation state described in this article. I did not achieve deep meditation as described by you. I repeat, that was not the purpose of this exercise.

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 20, 2011, 08:38:38 PM

And also you should know that Kobok wasn't the one who thought up this exercise. This is written in Buddhist scriptures long long time ago. He got the general idea, I'm just blah blah blah again

Let me give you a hypothetical example. Suppose I were the first person to think of basketball and was playing it with a couple of friends. Now, netball has a different set of rules, primary among them that you're not allowed to move when holding the ball and you're only allowed to be on certain areas of the court depending on your playing position. Therefore, someone who plays netball and has not heard of basketball will probably see this and tell us "well, you're getting the general idea, but you should do it more like this; also, it's dangerous when you're all running on the court like that!". A reaction like that is understandable. However, when the basketball players clarify that they're, in fact, not playing netball and using a different set of rules, the netball player should shut up about his game. When someone's playing a different game, it's stupid to complain that they're not following the same rules. And when compared to your Buddhist meditation, dynamic psi is a very different game.

I did not say that kobok was the first person ever to think of meditation with a focal point. That's obviously untrue. What I did say was that "focal meditation" is a specific psi technique kobok thought of. What this means is that, sure, there are plenty of meditation techniques, and no doubt many of them are very similar; Kobok's article, however, was made with the practice of psi in mind. This is why I'm 'hanging on to every word of this kobok person' in this thread, it's relevant! These buddhist techniques are not. You can't just walk in on someone who practices a different paradigm, and tell them they've 'got the general idea' of your paradigm.

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November 21, 2011, 10:10:26 AM Reply #78

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 21, 2011, 07:54:35 AM

There are no different games..Its the same game, same arena..

When there are different rules and different goals, how can you keep saying it's the same game?

Obviously there are certain rules that apply to all games. I never said there weren't. You, however, seem to think that all games must necessarily use all the same rules; that whenever a game doesn't use your set of rules, people are doing it 'wrong'. If this is what you think, I invite you to explain why there are so many different metaphysical paradigms.

Also, you seem to be under the impression that I do not want to try out your paradigm. This has nothing to do with what's being discussed in this thread. As a matter of fact, I have some years of experience with more mystical forms of meditation, and the meditation you described is no exception. I would not presume to be a master of any such technique, but neither am I a stranger to it. However, this thread isn't about any of that. This thread is about focal meditation, a psi technique. Therefore, we won't discuss my willing- or unwillingness to participate in other paradigms in this thread.

Last but not least, your post has some logical issues. At first you say that there are no different games, yet later on in your post you say 'your reality is what you believe'. The underlying problem here is that the latter implies that everything is subjective (even

though that statement is in itself an assertion of objectivity, but we'll ignore that for a moment), even though you just said that there are no different games - which implies objectivity.

(You can easily contact kobok via PM, by the way.)

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November 21, 2011, 12:58:44 PMReply #79

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 20, 2011, 08:38:38 PM

If you don't believe me, ask kobok yourself where he got this exercise from.

I made it up, based almost entirely on my own self-discoveries from staring at candle flames. Just, I was not the first person to come up with a meditation exercise involving a candle flame, and I will not be the last person to do so. It is such a potent approach that it is regularly rediscovered.

Quote from: Eranda43 on November 20, 2011, 08:38:38 PM

Meditation was originated in india

I highly doubt that. I suspect meditation predates the presence of our species in India. I think you'd have a hard time finding a culture from anywhere on the planet that doesn't have some form of meditation in it. The form you have learned from Indian culture is just fine, but it is not the only functional approach. The form I present here has been specifically tailored and tuned as a meditation approach ideal for learning psi, and it has worked well for this purpose for quite a lot of people so far. Perhaps there is a superior approach, and if there is I'd like to see it, but I've been doing this for a while in the presence of the excellent information exchange which is the internet and I haven't seen a more ideal approach yet.

I've spent a lot of time practicing breathing meditations as well (which I also suspect predate human presence in India, as they are also very easy to rediscover). They have good value, and you may find I've recommended people give them a try several times

on the forums. Focal meditation on the candle flame simply has specific advantages in terms of its excellent and smooth transition into kinesis practice, where the feedback provided by the flame provides a way to focus not just the mind, but the specifically identified soul. This is of essential and critical value for well-controlled practice of psi, and it is why this article is structured in the way it is.

(EDIT - If the last few posts are confusing to follow, it is because the posts that this and the preceding several posts were replies to were deleted. I am leaving the replies for the sake of completeness in responding to points raised.)

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Re: Focal Meditation

Apologies for "grave digging", but I have a question. I am rather afraid of getting retina burn from focusing on the light for so long. Would the 2 meter distance reduce/eliminate this? Are the alternatives as effective as the candle meditation? Just wondering, of course. The candle does seem to be the most reliable and effective method, but your opinion on the others would be welcome.

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March 01, 2012, 04:24:11 PMReply #81

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Re: Focal Meditation

Quote from: Arkvoodle on March 01, 2012, 12:15:41 PM

Would the 2 meter distance reduce/eliminate this?

I haven't had the problem you described, so I suspect this would work. Just don't forget to blink. (You shouldn't focus on the control of your eyelids either, as the purpose of this exercise is to concentrate on the candle flame. Rather, don't try to keep your eyes open because you think you should.) As for other methods of meditation, I have tried a few others, and focal meditation works best for me. Your mileage may vary.

« Last Edit: March 01, 2012, 04:32:43 PM by Robin »

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August 14, 2014, 12:38:21 PMReply #82

Middelnil

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Re: Focal Meditation

A really good article, indeed. All this knowledge is much appreciated, especially to a newer member like me.

I just have one question that I can't seem to answer myself. I tried it first with a piece of metal and found that it worked quite well. Same thing with a candle's flame.

But since I decided to start developing my brow chakra, I thought that I'd get two birds with one stone since for me brow chakra requires meditating and focusing on the area of the chakra. That being said, it went really well at first. I could focus really well on the area of the chakra, feel the chakra, I reached gnosis really easily, etc. Although now after a while I find that my focus slips... Perhaps I should simply meditate first for a while to calm down my mind and then start focusing.

So, to get to the actual question: is what I described above a form of focal meditation? After all I am focusing all my thoughts and mind on the area of the brow chakra.

Oh, I'm sorry for posting in the old thread, but rather than starting a new thread on the question about this and filling the forums with my "still-a-newbie" comments, I thought I'd post on this thread.

Yours,

Middelnil

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August 14, 2014, 04:35:55 PMReply #83
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Re: Focal Meditation
Quote from: Middelnil on August 14, 2014, 12:38:21 PM
is what I described above a form of focal meditation? After all I am focusing all my thoughts and mind on the area of the brow chakra.
Yep, you can focus on whatever suits you best, whether that's an image, a concept, a point on your body, etc. Though some things like music may not work well.
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"Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself" -George Bernard Shaw
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Re: Focal Meditation
Alrighty, good to know. Thanks :)
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Re: Focal Meditation

I am coming to this topic a tad late, and I just discovered this site a week ago. So a bit excited to go through past topics and posts even if a bit daunting with there being so many but persistence and patience and all. Though I wish to express how I have approached meditation and see how it relates.

I have pinned down my "sitting practice" down to... open-awareness observation and closed-awareness observation. Open-awareness observation is akin to the Zen mindfulness practice. and Closed-awareness observation being akin to concentration practice. I prefer the term awareness in there because I have come to realize that awareness is what awakens the experience to be had, so to speak; and here awareness being the essence of our soul. Thus I find my "sitting practice" as working the soul, or soul-work. Open-awareness would lead to letting any experience to be experienced, where as Closed-awareness is holding the experience in the process of observation.

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The following article assumes that you have read and understood the Focal Meditation article, and that you have successfully practiced Focal Meditation and achieved deep meditative states.

Kinetics

Kinetics is the category of psi abilities that involve making a change to the physical world. This includes "direct" changes, such as making an object move, and it includes "indirect" effects, such as healing someone, where the effect is brought about without specifying the direct mechanism.

"Kinesis" is the word used to describe the actual causing of such an effect, and to "kinet" something is to perform kinesis on it.

There have been many words that have been created to try to describe kinesis. One such set is "macro-psychokinesis", the causing of a direct change, and "micro-psychokinesis", the causing of an indirect change. Another, more unbounded set, attempts to categorize kinetics by the target upon which kinesis is being formed. This set includes terms such as "biokinesis", for performing kinesis upon living organisms, and "pyrokinesis", for performing kinesis upon fire. However, each of these sets of classifications is completely unnecessary. The choice of target for kinesis has no effect on how it is actually kinetted.

The classification of kinesis by direct change and indirect change at a fundamental level to how kinesis is performed is also somewhat unnecessary, as at a fundamental level, all kinesis is performed in the same manner. But it can be conceptually easier to learn and talk about kinesis in terms of direct and indirect kinesis.

The role of the soul in kinetics

There are many who are uncomfortable with the idea of the soul playing a role in psi. To these people, the soul is an unscientific idea, or an idea that is culturally associated with religious ideas that they would rather avoid. The ones concerned about the scientific implications of a soul often invoke physical descriptions of psi which are directly contradicted by the evidence and experience of psi. (See "The True Nature of Psi" for more information.) The ones concerned about its religious or spiritual associations often create more complicated terms to avoid naming it directly, such as "the nonphysical self" or "the expression of internal willpower".

But despite those concerns and regardless of renaming, the soul is the central part of the self which is the only part of ourselves capable of psi and which performs all psi. The "soul" is the part of ourselves which performs psi, which separates from the body during out of body experiences, and which continues existing after the death of the

physical body. The phrase "will" in the sense of performing psi is essentially the expression of the soul's action. The phrase "self-awareness" in the sense of psi refers to the awareness of the soul.

Kinetics can be performed and can occur without any awareness of the soul. It can even occur without conscious awareness that anything is being performed. But under these conditions, reliability and accuracy will typically be very low, and the ability to develop to more complicated tasks will be restricted. So it is essential for progress in kinetics and in psi that an awareness of the soul be developed.

Focal meditation is a valuable component of psi because the soul is the part of you which is left when there is no awareness of thought. The soul is the "you beneath the brain". The true awareness of the soul and understanding of the soul is best obtained by experiencing it, and this is best obtained through meditation and practice of psi. Practicing deep focal meditation will open the door which will allow you more direct contact with your soul. Then practicing kinesis by expression of the soul will allow you to gain an experiential awareness and understanding of where and what the soul really is.

Performing kinesis

The procedure for performing controlled kinesis is essentially the same for any desired kinetic result.

The first step should always be to perform focal meditation, as this puts you in the appropriate mental state to exert focused control. When you are in a state of deep meditation, shift your awareness to your soul.

Intend for your soul to relocate to the object you will kinet, such that your self-awareness is centered in this target object. When you expect your soul to relocate to the target according to your intent, then it will do so.

Next you should formulate the intent that you will kinet by forming your soul into the form of the desired result. Then finally, you energize and actualize the result by deeply and completely expecting it to occur at that very instant.

Every kinetic act is a reflection of the soul. It is an expression of the inner self being reflected upon the outside world. When you want something to occur, you must reach within yourself and change the nature of reality inside yourself, so that it in turn reflects upon reality. The act of deep and complete expectation which actualizes kinesis is performed by reaching within and changing your inner expectations so that they represent an expectation that the object's natural behavior will be to fulfill the result of your intent.

Learning how to make these internal changes to your inner expectation is not at all an

easy task, and to do it effectively and consistently it requires you to develop deep awareness and deep self-control, which can be developed with focal meditation and practice of kinesis. This level of awareness and self-control will reflect on many areas of your life, and it will also empower you with the ability to kinesis with reasonable reliability and consistency. To begin on the path to developing this awareness and self-control, you can practice quite effectively by learning how to use kinesis to tilt a candle flame.

Controlling the flame

Learning to control a candle flame is a convenient and insightful exercise for learning the principles of kinesis. The candle flame can provide you with direct and immediate feedback to show you when you are successfully accessing and utilizing your soul to control the flame.

Begin as you did before by clearing your mind with focal meditation on a candle flame. Meditate on the candle flame until you have reached a state of deep meditation where you can begin to become aware of your soul. When you are focused on that part of you which is present in deep meditation, reach out to the candle flame with your soul such that you feel your center of perception and awareness being at the same location as the flame. Practice just this portion of the exercise until you are comfortable with it.

Next visualize the candle flame stabilizing in a vertical position with no flickering, and expect it to take and maintain this form. Feel your soul at the location of the candle flame, forming the flame shape that you are visualizing, and expect the flame to take this shape as you are forming it. This act of "expectation" is critical. You must fully believe and expect it will work at the precise moment that you are trying to make it work. Keep the flame vertical and stable in this manner for a while.

After you have succeeded in stabilizing the flame, you should visualize the candle flame tilting to the left. Form the shape with your soul, and expect it to work at that very moment just as you did before. Do not push the flame, but instead form the shape and realize deep down with full expectation that the candle flame is already forming the shape. It can be helpful to reach within yourself and change your inner expectation so that the new flame shape is the "natural" shape for the candle flame to take, while staying relaxed and confident that it has already happened.

After a while make the candle flame tilt to the right in the same manner. At first simply tilt the flame a little in each direction, then as your confidence grows tilt it farther and farther to the side you have chosen. When you first attempt to tilt the flame it may flicker a bit, and you should then attempt to stabilize it to a smooth controlled stable flame tilting to the chosen side. Continue practicing this until you are able to tilt the flame far to either chosen side and keep it stable in that location.

It may take some time to fully control this, because it can be difficult to reach within

yourself, gain awareness of your soul, direct your soul by controlling your inner expectations, and reflect this upon reality. But if you practice with deep focus and gradual steps, you will master this, and it will open up a window of awareness to the rest of psi.

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I think this was a very nice article, though I don't have too much experience in Psi to critique it. I would like to know what your experiences with manipulating the candle flame were. It seems difficult to me to keep it from flickering and move it smoothly to one side and the other. Though perhaps that is my inexperience talking.

Lovely article, I enjoyed it

~Kurishian

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Im not sure if this has any critical meaning whatsoever, but when I focus on flames, specifically candle, it helps if the candle itself is colorful such as red or light blue and has a light scent to it. It doesn't seem to distract me from the flame itself but actually helps with the first stages of focal meditation. I would like to know if this is normal or if it has any noticeable effect that works less than a regular white candle with no scent.

Also, does the color or origin of the flame matter, such as if it were made by lighter or match, or if you focus on the bluer part of the flame or the orange part?

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After my first three tries I was able to feel control over the flame and bend it to my will. Is this normal? Also, though I only spent about thirty seconds before it stood up straight as I attempted to make it, but it only flickered when I tried to bend it to the sides. Should the flame be steady when it's straight or flickering? Sorry lots of questions lol

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Quote from: Fou Lu on November 22, 2005, 11:09:10 PM

How do we "shift awareness to our soul"? How do we know this is accomplished?

You shift awareness to it by noticing the part of yourself that fits the description given above. You know that it is successful when you succeed in kineting the flame. If you are not successfully kineting the flame, relax your mind more and find a deeper part of yourself that more closely fits the description.

When you do succeed in kineting the flame, pay close attention to the fundamental part of yourself which is performing this act. If you do this enough times, you will understand from your own experiences precisely what your soul is, and this experience far outweighs any description that can be given.

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I read it again and understand. It wasn't clear at first. Thanks.

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Just starting

Hello,

I have just read through this article and will be putting myself to the test soon. I will post back on my progress once every week.

Regards,

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Whoa, its tougher than I thought! I am still practising though.

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i'm having some problems with it

i've gained controll over the flame, but its about as reliable as windows me

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how do you keep it, while still concentrating on feedback and what you intend the flame to do?

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cause I'm knocking over every cone

in front of me.

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Well, you don't want to be verbally thinking about what you're doing any more than absolutely necessary. You need to keep the kinesis intent you are developing at the level of the soul, such that it is the soul which is focused on the intent. An easy way to do this is to use the soul to form the intent, such as if you're trying to tilt to the right, you use the soul to form the shape of the flame tilted to the right. Then focusing on the intent is naturally concurrent with maintaining awareness of the soul.

And, practice. Since you have achieved some success, you're already in excellent shape. Keep practicing so that it becomes more natural. :)

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ok, thanks for the help

i'll try that

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A very strong connection between your soul and the candles*ahem* soul essence .
would have to be present right?

Plus the ability to overcome any subconscious distractions such as an uncontrolled dreamstate that goes wild on its own instead of being completely lucid. I imagine is the best advice...

I guess before applying ones will power outward i should strengthen it inward first.controlling and taming the inner flame first?

mastering meditation , visualization lucid dreaming would be wise.

when the inside is stronger then one should concentrate on the connection outwardly to create a stronger bond with the inside of other souls to effect the physical outer world..

.In some way I guess flame kinesis is like forming a relationship that grows stronger after time.eventually the flame can feel like an extension of your own body and I right?

sorry if I'm overly poetic..

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Re: Introduction to Kinetics

Quote from: Daray_Gavin on December 21, 2009, 01:32:02 PM

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Most people don't until they begin practicing an exercise like this one. You learn it in a gradual way by obtaining feedback as you are practicing.

Quote from: Daray_Gavin on December 21, 2009, 01:32:02 PM

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You can use just about anything as a target (although see the warning on the use of hands), it is simply that the candle flame is presented because it is a particularly easy and ideal target to begin practicing with. I will add a note which frequently causes me concern: Psi is far more potent of a tool than a candle. If you cannot handle a candle responsibly, can you handle psi responsibly? This is something for you to reflect upon.

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I am new at the form, but old and experienced at lots of things. Assuming that because someone is not allowed a candle in their room, means that they are not responsible enough to handle psi is not fair to the person. I would never allow one of my children to have a candle in their room either. Main reason is that one of the other children might barge into the room and knock it over. . Also many parents are over protective and hold back their children development in many areas.

Now about the idea that soul is responsible for all psi activity.

Impossible to prove one way or the other, but my understanding is that most of the

things done function in the astral realm and can be accomplished by use of the mind (Mental realm is above the astral and so can control it and the realms below it.) There are powers and abilities that are called sudi powers that are supposedly controlled by the soul, but requires many years of training to acquire. The ability to kill with a word or a thought, comes to mind.

I do not see where anything more than mental activity is required. I has always worked for me.

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This was a very insightful article. Thank you for writing it.

I'm still not persuaded on the question of the soul's involvement though. I'll be the first to admit that I have no idea how psi works, but with that I have to wonder how you could possibly know whether a "soul" (a rather loaded concept, you must admit) is integral to the process. It sounds to me like you are describing the subconscious mind.

I think it's really easy to succumb to false positives in this field. I'm completely convinced that your method works, but that doesn't mean that it is the only one that does. I can perform kinesis without really shifting the location of my perception as you put it, but rather by simply relaxing the boundaries of my mind by realizing that the separation between objects that I perceive is on one level illusory.

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should i continue with flame or use (Psi wheel + glass bowl + no hands) ?

i don't want to mistake movement because of heat/ air current to movement caused by Psi

thanks

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As far as psi is concerned, being closer or farther does not make it any easier or harder. But being farther away IS helpful for isolating the candle from breathing. When I first started practicing this long ago, it was generally at 10+ meters. If you don't have this much space, this is not necessary. But you are better off placing the candle across the room from you rather than next to you.

Aside from setting it far away, one other thing that I've found helpful is placing a candle down in a jar, just below the rim, to minimize breezes. You can take any jar you find stable (safety first) and suitably sized, and pack baking soda (cheap, non-flammable) in the bottom to get the exact desired height inside the jar for the candle brand you like. Then add a small amount of water to dampen the baking soda so that as it dries it will become a solid base. Then you have a candle in a jar that gives you a fire resistant base, some breeze protection, and even a lid you can put on to store it.

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Hey Kobok, it has been a long time since I originally asked that question but I have come to see that you are right. I simply had a personal knee-jerk reaction to the word soul, but I understand the concept as you use it and have no philosophical problems with it whatsoever.

The question I keep coming back to though, is one of distance. I think that both you and Rayn said that distance shouldn't matter during PK, but my personal experience doesn't line up. I can move things from farther away than being right next to them, but the "force" (for lack of a better word) being transmitted is noticeably weaker than when I am close. This certainly could be the result of a mental block, but I'm not sure that's all there is.

Without getting too bogged down in details, it seems that there are two basic competitive theories to explain PK. One is the idea that you are manipulating the probability that a particular object will move. I think I've read that you favor this interpretation, Rayn. The other is that there is a "force" that is transmitted from one body to another, in this case, the wheel and myself.

If the first option is correct, distance should indeed not matter whatsoever. And yet, I can't really satisfy myself with this explanation. It doesn't really actually explain all that much. What does it really mean to influence the probability of something? Was that probability always objectively there, like some cosmic value that you are manipulating, or is it based on your subjective interpretation of the likelihood of that object moving? I think that absent a better understanding of probability than we (or perhaps just I) have, this answer doesn't really tell me anything more than I already know: somehow, I can make a physical system that is outside my body move.

That's why I've come to prefer the second option recently, although it too leaves very much to be desired. The key difference seems to me that if there is indeed some sort of signal being communicated, it could potentially be either blocked by something, or weakened over distance or time. I'm personally going to have to test these hypotheses myself and see what I can find, but I'd be very glad if someone had any thoughts on the matter that they would share.

As an aside, this website is awesome. I'd basically given up on the idea that there would be an online community that was actually interested in figuring things out rather than just claiming to know all. I'm glad this place exists, and I've already learned a ton here.

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As for the "force" theory, this explanation only sounds reasonable for the most

straightforward of kinetic acts involving moving objects around. Most of what one does with kinesis involves far more complicated manipulations of things, where it can only reasonably be thought of as more like shifting of probabilities such that a different future state occurs.

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Now that is interesting. I'll try to find some studies on my own, but you remember offhand a good keyword or place to start looking?

Quote from: kobok on September 29, 2014, 01:59:09 PM

As for the "force" theory, this explanation only sounds reasonable for the most straightforward of kinetic acts involving moving objects around. Most of what one does with kinesis involves far more complicated manipulations of things, where it can only reasonably be thought of as more like shifting of probabilities such that a different future state occurs.

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Quote from: Enneack on September 30, 2014, 03:08:50 PM

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Well, the mechanism is certainly not within classical physics. As for that and the sources, you can find a list of sources at the bottom of the article The True Nature of Psi. In particular, the Conscious Universe book has an excellent coverage.

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Re: Introduction to Kinetics

Fun tip - If you're struggling with expectation, channel a powerful fictional character. You'd be surprised by how much more powerful your expectation becomes. :)

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Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

Welcome Veritasians!

This course is intended to be a short duration project designed to teach participants basic psi skills, hosted by myself, Shadowwarrior13, and Remakai. It will be strongly based on kobok's dynamic psi paradigm, and the topics to be covered include the following:

- Meditation
- Kinesis
- Scanning
- Energy Dynamics and Constructs
- The Philosophy of Psi

Meditation, in several forms, is a fundamental skill of all psionic practices. Kinesis, scanning, and energy dynamics represent the three pillars of our arts, and for each one we will discuss just what we think they are and how one might go about working with them. The philosophy of psi is a final topic, explaining what psi seems to be and how it affects each and every one of us. Each of these area will be given a cursory survey, sufficient to begin practice and exploration in each of the major areas.

This will be a public class, open to everyone. All material will be posted here publicly. Questions can be fielded to any of the teachers, either in threads dedicated to this course, via the forums PM system, or on IRC. Students are encouraged to discuss their experiences and share their questions both on the forums and in the #vmeta channel, as well as get involved in the Veritas mentor program.

Note that this course is not intended to replace kobok's "Way of the Psion" course. It is intended for those who are curious about psionics and did not make it during kobok's application period, or would like to practice their skills in the meantime. kobok's class will cover all of this material in considerably greater depth.

Lesson I: Focal Meditation

Focal meditation is a skill essential to the practice of dynamic psi. Through it, one acquires the mental skills required to operate psi purposefully. Without it, it can be extremely difficult to potentially and accurately perform any psi feat.

To begin, read kobok's article on focal meditation, available here:
<http://forums.vrsociety.net/topic/4867.0>

One of our ultimate goals through focal meditation is to achieve awareness of the soul. With time, patience, and diligent practice of focal meditation, one will find oneself aware of it eventually. If it does not come immediately, relax! This is perhaps one of the most difficult steps in all of psi, simply because one does not immediately know what to look for. The time it can take varies strongly by individual. Don't get frustrated, keep practicing, and it will come to you eventually. Introspection is a great tool for finding the soul, and helps know the soul. After a degree of success is maintained with focal meditation, begin with focusing on your own mind, and see how deep you can delve into it. As more and more of yourself is known to you, finding and connecting with the soul will be an easier task.

The soul, the fundamental component of our identity, is the foundation of all that we do in dynamic psi. What exactly the soul seems to be will be addressed in later articles (or can be gleaned from kobok's other articles in the psi section of Veritas, for the curious!). For now, try to take it on faith that it is there and that you have one. You can become aware of it, though what exactly finding this awareness means will be for you to discover. Look to the FAQ at the bottom of this post for frequent questions about finding the soul.

That is all for now. Practice your focal meditation, discover your soul, and prepare for the next lesson! Its going to be a fun one. :)

FAQ

Q) How can I keep my mind from wandering?

A) Meditation should not be strained. While focal meditation is the development and use of extreme focus, people get the misconception that focus requires strain. However, meditation cannot be simply left to its own devices, or the mind will wander as well. Through regular meditation, a happy medium can be found. When this is discovered, mental focus can grow significantly.

Q) Meditation is too boring.

A) The beginning stages of meditation can be a tad boring. However, once a meditative state is reached, that boredom dissipates. Power through it, and this feeling will fade, especially as one discovers the soul and moves onward on the path of psi.

Q) I just can't get focused.

A) Meditation is difficult for beginners, and a candle is a great resource. Try some relaxation exercises, and make sure that you're relatively calm. Stress makes meditation a good deal more difficult until one is better at it. While first learning meditation, start small. Try meditating for 5 minutes, no more than 10, and then leave. Don't give up, but leave it for a while later. Go for a jog, read a book, take a shower, and come back.

Q) How do I know I'm meditating on the soul?

A) The soul is not physical. While it has the power to influence the physical, it doesn't reside there. Therefore, if you're meditating on a point on your body or physical feeling, you're not meditating on the soul. Correct focus on the soul is often accompanied with a deep, introspective mindset, a good state of mental focus, very vivid perception, and a feeling of connection with the world, though it varies from person to person. Regular meditation helps strengthen which feeling is right and which is wrong, and you'll attain a stronger focal point within the soul.

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December 19, 2006, 09:29:43 PMReply #1

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December 31, 2006, 04:32:04 AMReply #2

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Can I have a sneak-peak for the next article? :)

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I'm going to aim to have the next article up either today or tomorrow, depending on how easily I can get in touch with Shadow and Remakai.

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January 04, 2007, 09:24:51 PMReply #4

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

I know, I know. Sorry, don't mean to pull a kobok on you guys, but I've been having some trouble getting in touch with Shadowwarrior13, as he has a part he needs to write as well. Feel free to contact him through any venue possible and encourage him to hurry it up. ;)

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March 08, 2007, 09:30:50 PMReply #6

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

This topic is pretty dead by now, but I'll shamelessly post that I have chosen to become a psion rather than a magi. The reasons can be summed up as "Scientific process vs. Traditional ritual"

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March 15, 2007, 02:50:58 PMReply #7

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I see no reason why you can't do both. Unless it a matter of no wanting to divide you attention and time.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner
Quote from: Philosopher on March 15, 2007, 02:50:58 PM
I see no reason why you can't do both. Unless it a matter of no wanting to divide you attention and time.

It's perfectly reasonable to do both. As you get further into them, you slowly start to realise that they are fundamentally the same.

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May 13, 2007, 06:39:41 AMReply #9
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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner
I'm working through IIH and i'm doing step 1 is the meditation in the beginning of focusing on one thought and emptying the mind work as a substitue for focal meditation? I'd rater keep the amount of differnt meditations down so i have more time

to work on them.

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Well, focal meditation is used as part of later exercises. A substitution might be possible, but I am not familiar with IIH, so I could not say how likely that may be. I do know some people who practice both systems, so I will ask them about this. :)

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Deus Ex Vir

May 13, 2007, 11:12:00 AMReply #11

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The meditation that Bardonn explains is what is known as 'void' meditation. It consists of emptying all of the thoughts in the mind by sheer force of will, and floating in the abyss. Focal meditation, however, is the complete and utter focus of all aspects of the mind on one thing. They are different, and used for different purposes. Void meditation helps mental control, but should not be substituted for focal meditation.

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<@kobok> And if you push hard enough, you can shove quite a lot into a chicken.

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meanings of "jump" and "cliff", and then proceeded to do just that.

May 15, 2007, 09:30:36 PMReply #12

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what if u practice chi,psi,and the science of "magic"

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1. humans have a tendency to always take the hard way.

2.we always ask the wrong questions.

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What if?

You'll find that the systems do not conflict.

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May 20, 2007, 12:06:08 PMReply #14

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #15 on: August 23, 2007, 08:01:46 AM »

this is great grin

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #16 on: October 20, 2007, 04:51:31 AM »

I have also chosen to be a psion rather than a magi..i did practice some magic and it

worked quite well for me..the luck spells were great i was really having luck ..everything was going so well...but psi looks more interesting to me..probably after i master psi(i hope that will happen) i will also study magic again Cheesy

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Focal Meditation Success

« Reply #17 on: November 13, 2007, 06:34:22 AM »

Hi have been very successful in meditations and I'm happy that I did try the Focal Meditations and am practising it daily.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #18 on: November 13, 2007, 10:26:47 AM »

Quote from: sandyz on November 13, 2007, 06:34:22 AM

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« Reply #19 on: November 13, 2007, 09:43:41 PM »

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #21 on: November 14, 2007, 09:37:19 PM »

Yes, I have owing to the fact that I have been meditating for over five years now...it was pretty easy Smiley

So, I started yesterday evening with the candle flame technique. And boy is that tough! I tried again this morning....tougher still! I'll try this eve too!

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #22 on: November 16, 2007, 07:44:51 AM »

i have been practicing candle flame for over two or three weeks now... my eyes are still adjusting and sometimes can get strain and lose my focus.

in oriental practice this is known as trataka,focusing on the candle flame till eyes water believed to have beneficial effect on the eye, how true?

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« Reply #23 on: November 16, 2007, 05:32:58 PM »

Quote from: Lucina on November 16, 2007, 07:44:51 AM

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Try not to strain your eyes while doing this exercise. You must focus with your mind, not your eyes.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #24 on: November 22, 2007, 06:50:07 PM »

I have tinnitus and vertigo (dizziness) and I don't seem to be bothered with that as long as I don't concentrate on it...It's just like distractions from the outside world, just don't focus on it.

I don't know why but the past couple of days I've kind of been zoning out really quickly as if in meditation, for no reason. Like I'll be putting something into the refrigerator and then I won't really be aware of my surroundings and time seems to pass by very slowly. Or if I'm looking at something my eyes will automatically defocus from everything for awhile. <---What does this mean?

Also, when I get dizzy spells sometimes I'm almost automatically placed into a meditative state because I can't really focus at all on the things going around me, and I can't do anything but just sit and basically do nothing. I can't process thought either. But I'm positive this isn't exactly a meditative state.

Sorry for the length of my post, but I have one more question, Would meditation possibly calm down an asthma attack? Or would it be too hard to reach that state of mind in that condition? I have recurring asthma and sometimes my medication does not always work.

Thank you for your help!

~Secret Rose

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Lucina

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #25 on: November 23, 2007, 07:10:40 AM »

perhaps some breathing exercise (such as pranayama) before you sit for concentration might help.

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« Reply #26 on: April 01, 2008, 10:07:43 AM »

i tried every single website for this and i still can't make a psi ball Bashing your head against a wall

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #27 on: July 11, 2008, 02:42:29 PM »

Can focal meditation count as something you are listening to? for example, I am working with BrainWave Entrainment and was wondering if I could, instead of focussing on a candle flame, focus on the sound of the beats.

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Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #28 on: July 12, 2008, 02:52:28 AM »

I've had practice with various Binaural beat software, and I don't recommend using it, simply because it may become a crutch. It's healthier to simply do normal meditation, and skip the easy road; you'll gain more control in the long run.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #29 on: July 14, 2008, 11:35:41 PM »

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Thanks, I really appreciate the advise! I am not very good at meditation though... I have what i guess you could call "Internal ADD" Instead of external distractions, my thoughts distract me (I made it up to explain it). I learned to use this to my advantage with TK though, as a technique for "clearing the mind".

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #30 on: July 16, 2008, 02:04:38 AM »

Most people are like that. Just take some time, have perseverance, and you'll fix it.

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ryo257ma

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #31 on: July 31, 2008, 11:50:22 AM »

I just realized, I think I've already done a bit of focal meditation when I was a kid. We used to have little contests to see who could stare at an object the longest without

blinking and I did it so long that everything around the object disappeared, i literally couldn't see anything other than the object. one thing though, rather than black, everything around turned white. I haven't done it in years though. I tried last night, (not a candle though) and I actually started seeing some really trippy things, like flickering in the walls, things getting glowing edges and such. So I'm trying again tonight.

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Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #32 on: August 28, 2008, 12:23:52 PM »

I dont recommend binaural beat software, rather an audio file or a CD to use. My reasoning is that I know many, including myself that get very bad headaches trying it out. I much prefer the use of something not so forceful that combines the binaural beats with music to relax. It can become a crutch if its used and relied upon exclusively but yes, you really should learn to meditate on your own first and then branch out from there. For myself, I live with several other people and I often go to sleep when other people are awake and making noise so slipping on some headphones to shut out the world a bit more is bonus.

Secret Rose: Yes meditation can help with an asthma attack but I really urge you to look into biofeedback more specifically. Ed and Alyce Greene of the Menninger institute have written a great deal that helps a person control functions of the body such as heart rate, breathing and other functions. Just please use it with caution as with anything else.

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some days you're the bug, some days you're the windshield.

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« Reply #33 on: September 10, 2008, 09:16:21 PM »

I'm completely new when it comes to matters like this, although it seems strangely familiar. Anyways, when I try Focal Meditation I begin to feel some sort of strange sensation that is similar to what was described in kobok's article, but it also comes with another sensation, or paranoia, that I'm being watched. For some reason I feel threatened and I get worried that I'm opening myself up to see/experience something I don't want to and I end up losing that focus. Does anyone have any idea what might be causing this? Is this all just in my head? Ha, Well I guess technically that statement is true regardless. Sorry if I'm being vague but It's hard for me to find words to describe that feeling. Perhaps trying something new is just freaking me out and I need to relax. =)

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whenever i practiced trataka I would stare at the candle just long enough to let its light to leave its afterimage into my eyes when closed then as the image starts to fade I tried to keep it there and reinforce it with my focus seeing how long i could keep it there.

lucid dreaming goes hand in hand with focus meditation. the mind is cleared of distraction then focused into control of the consciousness becoming lucid.

hmmm the feeling of being watched to . probably allowing subconscious fears to enter.whether its outter or inner forces causing them they have to be overcome even dreams sometime involve unwanted stuctures ect.

remember when in a focused state your senses are heightened, making even the slightist sound etc. seem more significant. this state can be a good thing as tunnel vission is bad.

If scared its best to create a stronger connection to the soul and inner calmness and warmth before proceeding. that way even if someone is arround you'll be clear headed.

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Well , when I close my eyes , all I can see is darkness. If I try real hard sometimes I can see as if there were "grey sketches" of things I am trying to imagine. My dreams are mostly in black and white too.

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I believe that you are in the same place as me: mind weakness and lack of training.

Maybe your wife is like that naturally born big kid who steals other children's money between class. And you and I are those skinny one. But one day, we choose to try the gym and after discipline and hard work, we get strong too.

What do you think?

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« Reply #37 on: July 22, 2009, 09:19:24 PM »

Heh , that could be it. A spiritist friend told me I could have some kind of blockage too though , so I do not really know , that is why I was asking in the hopes that someone with knowledge on this could point out Smiley

He was saying something like "meditating on colors was very important" , according to him each color had its own significance.

Could it be that we have other senses more attuned though? So maybe sensing the candle's flame heat or just sensing its position or something like that?

I know that I can remember the places of things in my room in the dark , even though I do not really imagine it.I really only "see" darkness. This only seem to work with large things for me though , doing that with a small flame would be very hard if not impossible

:x

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #38 on: July 23, 2009, 07:18:06 AM »

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Read a book (fantasy, sci-fi, fiction, romance, whatever). After a set of action occurs, aka an event, close your eyes and imagine what just happened. Keep doing that until you're able to visualize the events to a clarity of your liking. Try to envision every detail you can, making up what the book does not tell you, and try to fluidly visualize the action as it transpires.

~Steve

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Mastery does not occur when you've performed a feat once or twice. Instead, it comes after years of training, when you realize that you no longer notice when you're performing a feat which used to require so much effort. Even walking takes years of training for a human: why not everything else?

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #39 on: July 24, 2009, 07:17:05 PM »

Thank you , I will try that Smiley

You think I should first get a grasp of visualization before I start to seriously meditate , or should I consider this simply an "extra" task?

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #40 on: July 25, 2009, 03:42:49 PM »

Start meditating now.

~Steve

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #41 on: January 28, 2010, 05:00:31 PM »

I tried focal meditation today by focusing on a pencil I placed on the floor of my room. At one point the pencil seemed to become apart of the carpet; does this mean I was on the right path of focal meditation, or does it simply mean I should blink more?

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner
« Reply #42 on: January 28, 2010, 06:43:32 PM »
It doesn't really mean anything.

Don't judge whether you're on the right path by all the sensations you will no doubt get as you go on. They can show you're obviously doing something - but ultimately they'll pass away a bit too.

If you can calmly focus, if you have a slow but deep 'unfolding' happening within you and if you can sense your soul...

If your life starts to run all that bit smoother, if you think clearly and feel deeply...but maintain the reigns on those feelings - then rest assured you're on "the right path."

You can tell better by how you go about your daily life - than how you get along when meditating itself. Smiley

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #43 on: January 29, 2010, 05:37:56 AM »

Thank you. I have such a hard time mediating, that it is difficult for me to tell when I am doing it right, let alone using focal correctly.

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I choose the Twilight Path to the Dawn.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #44 on: May 30, 2010, 05:19:57 PM »

Is there a general recommended amount of time one should spend solely on focal meditation before moving onto the next lesson? (A week? A month?)

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #45 on: May 30, 2010, 06:04:04 PM »

In the non-public lessons, focal meditation was done for about 2 weeks before the next lesson.

Time is not a very good measurement, though.

The later lessons require you to have 'found your soul' - so you don't move on until you've done that. It could happen quickly, or it could take a while. Development is

different for each person. And of course, meditation is continued afterward.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #46 on: May 30, 2010, 06:14:59 PM »

Ah, that helps a lot. Thank you.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #47 on: July 14, 2011, 06:30:54 AM »

am too anxious to meditate on ma soul and i know i can do it but i cnt silent my thoughts

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #48 on: July 14, 2011, 07:21:06 AM »

@amaobi:

Few tips:

Focal meditation with candle light, focal meditation with antahkarana symbol

Zai-zen meditation (simple counting of breaths)

Fourfold meditation

japa meditation (om namah PSivayah should do the trick).

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #49 on: July 14, 2011, 12:19:02 PM »

Quote from: Awakened on July 14, 2011, 07:21:06 AM

japa meditation (om namah PSivayah should do the trick).

I lol'd. Brilliant, Awakened! Smiley

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #50 on: February 22, 2013, 07:49:16 AM »

I am new to all of this but I totally like it. It's amazing how well you explained all what we need to know as beginners. Thanks!!

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #51 on: March 14, 2013, 10:54:57 AM »

from my experience and understanding of meditation it is more beneficial to do both focal and void meditation rather than doing them separate, its just a matter of slipping into one state of focus, and then naturally allowing your self to slip back to the other by doing this its still extreme concentration thats the focal and the void is when you by sheer will stilling your mind but either way it takes concentration to achieve both so to me they are one in the same...i mean speaking from my own experience.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #52 on: March 14, 2013, 11:02:03 AM »

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« Reply #53 on: March 14, 2013, 03:38:07 PM »

Quote from: seanburtonsb on March 14, 2013, 10:54:57 AM

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Trying to do both at the same time is counter productive and will ultimately achieve you nothing , seeing as the goals of focal and void meditation are completely opposite. In other words, you cant clear your mind by thinking harder, and you cant focus on one thing while you are trying to clear your head of all things.

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« Reply #54 on: March 14, 2013, 05:00:36 PM »

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I am not the man I once was.

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Re: Fundamental Dynamic Psi for the Beginning Practitioner

« Reply #55 on: March 15, 2013, 01:47:53 AM »

Quote from: BubbaFett on March 14, 2013, 05:00:36 PM

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Yup, but it still isn't void.

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Fundamental Psi: Introduction to Kinetics

Introduction to Kinetics

Kinesis is one of the most popular, famous, and striking powers in the realm of future selection. Future selection, you will recall, is one of the three primary disciplines of psionism, dealing with changing and transforming the world around you. Future applications can range from opening doors, to healing, to setting in motion far larger events. It can be applied in nearly limitless ways, of which this first lesson in kinetics will serve as only one example.

The contents of this lesson are covered in kobok's article, "Introduction to Kinetics", available [HERE](#).

Please note that this exercise is recommended only for those that feel they have discovered their soul in the focal meditation exercise, as the soul is a necessary component. If not, please return to it [HERE](#), and redouble your practices!

This first exercise, the bending of the candle flame, may seem trivial. However, it is an excellent first step, as it allows one to practice their beginning kinesis skills and receive immediate feedback as to how well they are doing. Almost all of those who have managed to succeed at this lesson have reported some very enthusiastic side effects: to realize that you have the power to change the world, to see it before you with your own eyes, is an empowering feeling indeed.

The next lesson will deal with some possible further applications for future selection and kinesis, and we will also be moving beyond a survey of kobok's public material. Until then, get bending that flame.

The journey has only just begun. :)

FAQ

Q) Why won't it move?

A) There are a few factors that could contribute to this. You could be still struggling to connect with the soul, in which case I advise you practice more inward focal meditation.

Your mind could be wandering, in which case you should practice more mental control. As always, there's the possibility that you're simply still learning to 'flex' the soul, in which case, the only thing you have to do is practice. :)

Q) It hurts my eyes.

A) Try focusing near the edge candle, or seeing it out of the corner of your eye. Sit farther away, or practice in a brighter room. Try something to help your eyes adjust to the candle.

Q) I can't concentrate hard enough.

A) First of all, you shouldn't strain. Don't kill yourself trying to move the flame, as too much stress can raise blood pressure and, well, cause stress. Keep calm and relaxed. If you're having trouble retaining focus and concentration, practice focal meditation more often until you can concentrate better.

Q) I'm straining, but I can't get it to move.

A) See above answer.

Q) How do you move your soul?

A) In all reality, you can't 'move' the soul in the sense of the word. The soul is not a physical object, and it can't move if it doesn't exist physically. However, what you want to do is concentrate on the flame, and let your soul change 'shape' to match that of the flame. We use words like 'move' and 'shape' simply because we have no better word to describe what's happening. Concentrate on the flame, mirror the flame in your soul, and move the flame deep within.

Q) How can I be sure I did it?

A) If done correctly, some pretty amazing things can be done with kinesis. Try minimizing wind around the flame so there's minimal flickering and swaying of it, sit farther away, and see how extreme you can get the flame to move. Don't overexert yourself in the beginning, and keep practicing.

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Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

On Future Selection

Future selection is, in essence, the art of change in the world. It is a concept that appears to be, amongst all the psionic paradigms, unique to dynamic psi. Where kinesis is the specialized application of causing direct, often breathtaking transformations, future selection is also capable of effects far broader and more subtle. The possibilities that lie within it range from healing to manipulation of the outcomes of politics. A student diligent at their study of future selection has at their disposal to alter reality in nearly any way conceivable.

Why is this technique called “future selection”? The future exists in an indefinite state, as it has not yet been observed. Through the technique, one is essentially defining the state of things that will actually be in at that point in time. This can range from a specific declaration that the book will simply move from one end of the table to the other in the space of a second, to a declaration that the person you have your eyes on will be at the coffee shop down the street this afternoon. In the latter case, the only thing that you have determined is the end result. This future will then be the one that occurs, and it seems that the powers that be will fill in the getting from point A to point B. Interestingly enough, future selection can operate on the past as well, albeit in a limited fashion. This topic may be covered later if there is an interest in it demonstrated.

How is it done? The performance of future selection is no different than that of the kinesis you have performed on the candle flame. Through a clear and vivid expectation of the soul, the intent manifests. There are things that can be done to assist this process, such as through direct energetic manipulation, but these will be covered in later lessons. Clearly, it is essential that you make sure that you are able to capably manipulate the candle flame before proceeding!

One thing to take note of is that the exact choice of intent to use is very important. Those who have done well at the candle manipulation exercise will understand that the most effective intent is a very natural expectation. However, when dealing with something like healing for example, it is easy to create a subtle expectation of the disease as a force that must be overpowered or overcome. Take care to avoid creating such subtle influences in your intent, focus only upon the objective that is desired to be achieved. Try to keep your intents as simple as possible. Don't try and micromanage the way an application will manifest if simply stating the goal will suffice.

The primary limitations on the changes one can cause through future selection are self-imposed restraints on expectation. As almost anyone who has succeeded at the candle manipulation exercise can attest to, learning to set aside one's natural expectations about the world in order to truly create a clear intent to change it is no easy task! While future selection is a highly versatile technique, do not mistake its flexibility for ease. Remember, as you begin practice in this, start small and work your way upwards. It can also be easier for most people to start with selections that can appear

“coincidental”, and move slowly into things that are more and more blatant.

The following are some examples of areas to which you might apply future selection in order to practice and attain greater mastery. Pick one that is suited to you, or come up with your own ideas, and get going!:

Continuing candle manipulation: The next objective on this route is to try and extinguish the candle flame. This is most easily accomplished by gradually making the flame shorter and smaller, until the point that it vanishes completely (note that some people have difficulty forming this expectation, hence its movement from Comprehensive Psi I to Psi II). Once this skill is mastered, it is possible to move on to relighting the candle. This can be done by performing a reversal of the above process after it has already been extinguished, allowing the flame to “grow” once again, until it returns to its normal state. With time and practice, you can increase the interval between extinguishing and relighting more and more. Kobok asserts that it is eventually possible to light the candle without having had it lit and extinguished in the first place, though I do not know of any students that have remained interested in this area long enough to also reach this point. Perhaps you will be the first. :)

Kineting other Objects: Performing kinesis on any other object is possible. One can start by attempting to move small, easily rollable objects such as pens and pencils, and proceed gradually to more advanced tricks such as opening doors. XIII is the king of this realm, if you have any questions or ideas you’d like to try, be sure to look him up.

Statistical Kinesis: This one is more subtle than the previous ones. Take a die of any size, and select a future where a specific value comes up. Repeat this process, and use the immediate feedback given by the result of a die throw to your advantage. Attempt to gain a persistent awareness of the soul that you recognize as being behind the successful throws, and attempt to duplicate it. With practice, your title as a Dice Saint will be guaranteed. When I studied this application, I got very remarkable results, and if you’re clever this is one area with some very interesting real life applications. You are not limited to dice; cards or other systems with degrees of unpredictability can work as well.

Healing: This can be a tricky area, but obviously one that can be very rewarding. To begin with, it is important that you practice in the right circumstances. Remember the discussion above about not accidentally forming an expectation of resistance? This becomes significantly harder when you are already sick and suffering. Instead, focus your attempts on healing others, or yourself at the very beginning stages of illness. Begin by trying to aid the natural healing process, using expectations of speedy recovery. With time, you can decrease the length of that healing process, until it can sometimes be managed nearly instantaneously. I’ve had some measure of success even with more serious ailments, but there is a definite degree of natural expectation of difficulty in dealing with those. What is important to keep in mind, though, is that that expectation of difficulty is all in ones head – with time and experience, this lesson can be brought to heart.

The possibilities with future selection are nearly infinite. You are not limited to the above choices, you may instead pursue any possibilities that you like. Whatever you do, practice, and forge a bright future with your talents. Feel free to post any thoughts or questions you may have, and to share the results of your experience. :)

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Ah, so Future Selection could be more or less a form of programing?

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection
Future selection would be a way to choose that the programming happen on its own. It's more changing the course of events about to happen, thus the name.

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<@kobok> And if you push hard enough, you can shove quite a lot into a chicken.

<@Trowa> When someone told him to jump off a cliff, he argued the semantic meanings of "jump" and "cliff", and then proceeded to do just that.

January 22, 2007, 04:58:33 PMReply #4
Steve
Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection
For the healing one specifically, I figured I should throw something else in. Kobok has mentioned the idea before so it's nothing new and it's not purely from my own mind, and it actually does apply to the other uses as well.

Don't just focus on "healing" the person, where you're trying to "correct" the problem and change their body back to what it used to be. This is the stage that often produces the psychological expectation of a hurdle to be overcome. Instead focus on the person being already healthy, focus on increasing that already existing health, imbuing their entire being with a complete sense of health. Don't even think about the illness, just think about the person being healthier than they are now as though they aren't even sick to begin with. Focus on their body being clean and clear, their energy being pure, and their mental state being calm and positive.

If they are imbued with health then they obviously cannot be sick, so the intention will naturally remove the sickness in order to meet the intention without the practitioner even having to think about the illness :)

If it is difficult to do without thinking of the illness, then split the intention into two aspects in your mind; 1) the intention to remove the illness, 2) the intention for the person to become being healthy and becoming healthier. Then just cut off the first aspect and think about only the second :)

~Steve

« Last Edit: January 22, 2007, 05:01:56 PM by Steve »

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Mastery does not occur when you've performed a feat once or twice. Instead, it comes after years of training, when you realize that you no longer notice when you're performing a feat which used to require so much effort. Even walking takes years of training for a human: why not everything else?

January 22, 2007, 07:51:58 PMReply #5

Frozen

Posts By Osmosis

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Posting chief

1072

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

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* chirss was kicked by kobok (Denny Crane)

I CARVE EVERYTHING YOU SAY INTO MY LEFT ARM!

~ V

<ShoresofPluto> how often do u ignite fires with ur mind?

<kobok> On occasion.

[20:06] <kobok> XIII: You wear your girlfriend's pants??

[20:06] <XIII> kobok: On occasion.

March 08, 2007, 09:26:36 PMReply #6

sargon

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he-who-posts-lots

478

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Back from the dead

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Nice article. I use this technique often, haven't gotten to put out a candle flame though.

Quote from:

Future selection is, in essence, the art of change in the world. It is a concept that appears to be, amongst all the psionic paradigms, unique to dynamic psi.

Would you say "Remote Influencing" is essentially the same thing? RI is generally used for manifesting material wealth or desired states of being. I think the reasons why future selection and remote influencing work are the same.

P.s. Can you really open doors? I've tried it a few times on locked doors when I lost my keys, but to no avail.

« Last Edit: March 08, 2007, 09:59:02 PM by sargon »

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April 01, 2007, 03:24:26 AMReply #7

Enchia

Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Would it be possible to alter a persons thinking using future selection, let say that somebody you know has a habit of drinking to much, way to much. Could you then for example alter his way of thinking about this topic so that he drinks less?

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April 01, 2007, 11:17:12 AMReply #8

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Yes, you merely decide the outcome. The means for time to unravel into the outcome may vary. You have to have a specific, well-formed intent, however.

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Here, I offer you the way... What? You don't see it? ... No Mind and you may enter...

Do you see it?

- Chris

April 01, 2007, 06:12:05 PMReply #9

Mobius

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Fundamental Psi Coordinator

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Well, thats a bit of a tricky subject, actually.

In general, it is very difficult to alter people's behaviors for an extended period. This is because they, like you, possess a soul, and that soul also exerts an influence, whether they realize it or not. Part of that influence includes the expectation of their own nature. This is something that is enforced constantly. As it does not seem to be really feasible to directly alter the soul (and this is perhaps fortunate), you cannot change that nature, and it will eventually override any change you attempt to make.

It seems possible to alter people's behaviors temporarily, even to a radical degree. But to change something like drinking is a different matter, and difficult to make it go away permanantly. A better, wiser strategy is to help people grow and develop the nature of their soul. This can include helping them to discover what drives them to drinking, and addressing those problems, rather than trying to force growth upon them. *That* is a choice they themselves must make.

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Deus Ex Vir

April 01, 2007, 10:25:44 PMReply #10

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

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We cannot overlook the nature of future selection, however. By future selecting, the above quote is one means by which the desired outcome is achieved, whether the selector or another person is the one who gives this person personal aid. Also, while the soul may not be as easy to influence as other things in this world, one could affect the chemical and perhaps emotional addiction in the brain that drives the person to the addiction. All of these things combined could bring about the desired result. Future selection, in my opinion, would definitely work in this case. Another, perhaps extreme, argument is that the ability of future selection should never be doubted by the selector, and if alcohol has to be banned for the outcome to be achieved, then alcohol will be banned.

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Here, I offer you the way... What? You don't see it? ... No Mind and you may enter...

Do you see it?

- Chris

April 02, 2007, 07:04:32 AMReply #11

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

It is true that your own intervention can become the method through which the selection manifests. However, unless you are able to absolve the weaknesses in the soul itself, the problem will return, though perhaps in a different fashion. You are in essence still only treating the symptoms, not the problem itself. The only way that the soul will change is by willful desire on the the part of that soul itself.

The soul itself does seem outside the range of future selection without the will to permit its operation. This actually came as a surprise to me as well, as my initial expectation was similar to yours. The realization came to me during a slightly more advanced exercise in Psi II known as "Optimal Meditation", which could be understood as future selection of the self. In this technique, a group of characteristics that one wishes to assume is applied in similar fashion. What I found greatly puzzling is that some of these characteristics did not manifest, while others did, all to a superlative degree. The failed

attributes might appear for a short time, but were diminutive in intensity by comparison. It did not seem likely that the problem was in my application of the technique, as all desired objectives are treated holistically. It was with much experimenting and consulting with others that I finally came to the realization that this was due to the fact that as a soul I was not truly willing to embrace the changes I was attempting to force. Those that did work, however, I did discern I was much more willing to embrace.

Prior to my studies of dynamic psi, I utilized telepathic suggestion extensively under my own paradigm. My experiences there I now realize correlated in the same fashion as future selection. It was possible to alter people's behaviors and personalities to extraordinary degrees, but I could not figure out why I could not make the changes permanent.

If you have experience to the contrary, do share. :)
« Last Edit: April 02, 2007, 07:07:06 AM by Gemini »

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April 02, 2007, 10:11:23 AMReply #12
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Posts By Osmosis

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

I apologize, that was Archaic posting on my behalf. I was not able to log in due to lack of direct access to a computer. Thus, I am familiar with the exercise that you speak of, and I do agree, the soul, and for good reason, is quite different than anything else you might come across. For me, however, the exercise went a bit differently. Every attribute that I attempted to instill within my character was successfully formed, except one (for the same reason that you suffered as well), but I found myself unable to even form the desire to do so for a characteristic that I was currently unable to embrace. Dynamic Psi truly makes you ponder things philosophically and spiritually.

You make good points, and I believe that our discussion has benefited the reader. Whether I still hold to my original belief, I am unsure, because the mechanism for the future selection can still include a treatment of the problem itself by personal intervention (whether it is done by the selector or another). I do have various experiences that I am not willing to share and know people with various experiences that I am not willing to share either, how I interpret these experiences, however, I have not yet decided; thus, their mentioning is irrelevant anyway. I apologize.

I suppose I'm answering you without choosing a side, because I am left undecided.
:headwall: Perhaps the take-home message is to try this yourself, but the key is always to have faith in what you're doing. If you (you meaning anyone in particular) can honestly say that, with adequate skill and complete faith, the selection did not work, then the selection, in this particular case, does not work. The problem then lies in the situation following: Perhaps you then proceed to help the person through their problem, and they then overcome their drinking addiction. Did the selection then work?! Perhaps it worked completely through a variety of mechanisms: Spurring you to action; disallowing the addict, on occasion, to be able to acquire the particular addiction; lessening the chemical addiction; etc.

« Last Edit: April 02, 2007, 10:21:01 AM by Hech »

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April 05, 2007, 12:19:56 PMReply #13

Winds mover001

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

I think that's an excellent article, and to all input thus far in here "excellent". Personally, though sometimes I find that there are other forces at work. Soul searching, I believe is the key to anyone's success in any undertaking that they may want to do. I've sensed all too many times people take on way too much at once, and find that stress can win. Stress can be one's own frustration, stress from others' cruel intentions. I think everyone needs to release themselves from whatever it is they're trying way too hard to do. Also, I believe that weakness can also be one's friend. When I've "let it go", I find the very things I'm trying to do always sneak up on me at the least possible moment. Coincidence? I believe that if something is way too coincidental than there is something else at work there. Also believe as people get older their minds grow with us. I believe in always stimulating your neurons to keep your mind healthy. I'm new to a site like this one, but ancient when it comes to common "sense". In my life letting go sometimes comes back to haunt. Seize the ghost that haunts you, and find out why its haunting, only then will one find that selecting one's future can be very easy. That's what I think.(so far) . I'm looking forward to reading more on this and other topics as they come up. The mind is a wonderful thing, use caution when trying to make it prettier!

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August 23, 2007, 09:28:59 AMReply #14

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

hei I have a question I didn't understand the thing with Statistical Kinesis :confused:

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El Mira - The Sight

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Live. There is no plan B.

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

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"The purpose of all the major religious traditions is not to construct big temples on the outside, but to create temples of goodness and compassion inside, in our hearts." –The 14th Dali Llama

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature/laureates/1993/morrison-lecture.html

October 31, 2007, 11:07:34 AMReply #16

Mobius

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Personal Text

Fundamental Psi Coordinator

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Thats probably one issue I do have with the term actually, yes. It can be used to affect things in the past as well. The rules for that are a bit complicated, but the short version is that you can't change anything that was known to have happened. Developing a chronic illness pretty obviously already happened, so you can't undo that.

However, it is quite possible to use future selection to treat such illnesses in the present. Chronic and other serious illnesses can be a little tricky, because of the high emotional weight they carry. That said, if you can manage to surmount that difficulty, then such a healing is no different than any more mundane illness.

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Deus Ex Vir

November 05, 2007, 12:42:03 AMReply #17

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

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You mention that chronic illnesses started in the past. But this is not relevant, because healing a chronic illness is the act of making a chronic illness no longer there in the future. To heal, you don't have to have never gotten sick, you simply have to become healthy (and this is the desired future state).

And of course the answer to your question is yes, it can work for chronic conditions as well, because what you're really inducing either way is a change. The problem, as

Mobius mentioned, is that we have a tendency to erect powerful psychological barriers when we start labeling certain things as "chronic" or "incurable" because we have no technological cure. Much of the challenge in psi is learning how to overcome these psychological barriers.

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If I don't find the truth, then who will?

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Wow, I'm really impressed. I really like this website because it seems like everyone here is like a somewhat family and I say family because people would help their family learn if that was needed, and it seems like that is what is going on... Even with the debates, it's just someone trying to shine logic on the certain ways on how to perform "future selection" and with all the debating it's hard to choose a side, also with me being new to Dynamic Psi, it is somewhat difficult for me and I'm a very bright young adult.

Now I would like to give a point off of what I think future selection really is and any dynamic psi such as kinesis too. I think Future Selection, is the ability to change the outcome of what you think or the future of what one wants to be desirable to one's wishes. Because it seems like if you have the right amount of intention wheather doing kinesis or not then what you want shall be done. That is the only reason why I find it so easy to do dynamic psi, because of that reason. Also for Kinesis, it is much like the same thing, if you want to change something on the outside world then you must be willing to change your soul first and then tell you soul what you want it to do and see the result of the change happening.

I think also that emotions can have an affect too, because... it was my first week doing psi and in particular I was trying to perform aerokinesis at will. My mother and her so called boyfriend was arrguring while I was doing focal meditation and my little brother came to get me out of my room because he said the guy was drunk. So I thought he attempted to hit my mother and the flame infront of me bended in the opposite direction of where I was sitting and blow out. My little brother jumped as if he was scared and I looked down to see if that was a wind current. So I went to my mothers room and saw

her throwing the drunk's things out and when she walked passed him he poked her, so I took that as offense and that made me even more upset and I jumped on him and took him outside... while I was taking him out there or attempting my clothes and my hair was pushing away from me like I had wind build up in my body. What was that can someone explain?

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What a man believes upon grossly insufficient evidence is an index into his desires -- desires of which he himself is often unconscious. If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts, he will scrutinize it closely, and unless the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it.

December 22, 2007, 07:29:26 AMReply #19

Casper

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Verrry interesting stuff. I haven't heard about this before, but I will try it out.

Dice you say? Maybe as start, but why not lottery balls :)

Seriously. Let's all try and see how it works out. My biggest pet peeves with all the grimoires was that they don't do stuff like lottery. Always some "how to find treasure" and stuff.

Well - all treasures are pretty much found and gone by now. Sure, there are a few out there, but tax people and museums take too much of it even if you find one. :) Lottery rulez :)

I know this is sliding off topic but when you mentioned dice ...

It's your fault :bunny:

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January 07, 2008, 01:14:41 AMReply #20

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

is there a way to control it? cause it happens to me ALOT and it gets really frustrating when i avoid bad things thinking that somethings gonna happen and nothin does, but at least nothin bad happens lol

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The Strong Take From the Weak, The Smart Take From The Strong, The Quick Take From The Smart, And The Weak Rise Up Against Them All

March 26, 2011, 01:54:00 PMReply #21

Michael C

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

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The same thing happened to me too. It was the end of month almost broke with my last 20Euro bill buying a pack of Marlboro at a convenience store. After I left the store I realized that the cashier gave me two Euros short of change. It felt so bad as I thought taht something was taken from me that was rightfully mine. Although frustrated, I said very calmly assuring myself: "Don't worry, you will get it back in another way.". Next day different store one pack of Marlboro .. Cashier gave me two Euros more in change. Coincidence? I don't think so!

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March 26, 2011, 02:00:58 PMReply #22
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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection
Quote from: Mobius on January 21, 2007, 11:56:03 AM
On Future Selection

Begin by trying to aid the natural healing process, using expectations of speedy recovery. With time, you can decrease the length of that healing process, until it can sometimes be managed nearly instantaneously. I've had some measure of success even with more serious ailments, but there is a definite degree of natural expectation of difficulty in dealing with those. What is important to keep in mind, though, is that that expectation of difficulty is all in ones head – with time and experience, this lesson can be brought to heart.

I have been using EFT to break down these expectations. And it definitely works when it is done correctly!

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March 29, 2011, 05:30:17 PMReply #23
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Wannabe Techno-Dervish and Court-Fool-In-Training

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

You mentioned something about effecting the past, via the underlying technique of future selection. Could you please elaborate?

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"Appear as you are. Be as you appear." - Mawlana Rumi (ra)

March 30, 2011, 12:41:42 AMReply #24

Akenu

Posts By Osmosis

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3347

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यम या रा आना

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

Just little add from my healing experiences:

Chronical things are always harder to heal, it can take a lot of sessions.

Also not every disease is of a physical origin, that's why I always heal on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual plane.

I am not sure about physical origin diseases and past healing, but past healing (healing through past) is very good against psychosomatic diseases and phobias. Such healing can cure even problem from previous lives which affect current life of patient.

May God bless you.

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Hepaby!

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April 02, 2011, 01:32:07 PMReply #25

Mindlessinvalid

Posts By Osmosis

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Crazy and Can't Get out of Bed

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Future Selection

As above, so too below.

All illnesses are simultaneously spiritual and physical in nature.

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Clothes make the man, and naked people have little or no say in society.

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The powers of the psion are impressive indeed. Those that have been diligent in their practices of future selection may, by now, have seen some truly remarkable things. As one continues down the path, so long as one is persistent in their studies, I have found the things that will be seen to grow only more amazing.

But what is it all for?

Everyone begins their study of psionism for their own reason. I have heard everything from the desire to spar people psionically, to a wish to obtain powers necessary for heroism, to a simple yearning for a greater understanding of oneself and the universe. Now that you have progressed to this point, accomplished the feats that you have, it is time to reflect on your reasons for learning psi, and make some considerations for your path in the future.

Firstly, take note of the way what you have done so far has affected you. How has your practices with future selection changed the way you view yourself, others, and the world

around you? Through the future selection technique, you have acquired the capability to define and redefine each of these things. How have your experiences changed your original ambitions?

Secondly, it is important to acknowledge the responsibility that comes with the practice of psi. Those successful with future selection will understand that transforming the world around you comes in large part by transforming the self, through your expectations. You must consider carefully each psionic act that you perform, because in your choice to act upon it, you are very literally defining yourself. Using psi out of malevolence will leave its mark upon your soul, and the effects of this can be far reaching. The same can be said of benevolent applications. Choose wisely.

Lastly, reflecting upon the previous two factors, it is important that you consider where you are going with your practices, and to reevaluate your goals with psi. Meditate through your soul on this matter, and try to come to a solid conclusion. You may confirm your original ambitions, or you may find new ones altogether. Whatever you find, choose carefully and wisely, and then in conjunction with your soul, forge a plan to make your dreams a reality.

Congratulations on having made it this far. Through an understanding of future selection, the dynamic psion is truly the master of transformation of all the world around him. I wish you well in your future endeavors in this art, and I hope for your continued devotion in the study of psi!

From here, the fundamental psi course will move into the domain of scanning, under the instruction of Shadowwarrior13. Until then, be diligent in your studies!

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(+Gemini) Alright. This lecture is intended as a supplemental to the most recent fundamental psi lesson. The topic is passive psionism, its influence on the world, and directing it as well as can be done.

(+Gemini) Dynamic psi is unique amongst the psionic paradigms in that it describes psionic operations as actively taking control of a very natural, passive process. The soul is the root of our existence, and realizing it or not, everything we experience in our physical existence goes observed by it.

(+Gemini) Also knowingly or unknowingly, the soul will in turn have influence on those events. This is easily understood, in that we form opinions, expectations, and understandings of everything that we experience. As any practitioner understands, these feelings can make their way to the soul, the root of our existence, in due time.

(+Gemini) The result is a reciprocal effect, subtle but discernable to the experienced eye. Those expectations that we make without realizing it about the way the world works and the people around us will have an effect. This is often mitigated by the fact that these expectations lack clarity or coherency. The degree to which this is the case depends dramatically on the individual, and I personally believe that it is the ones that have a tendency

(+Gemini) (If cut off: The degree to which this is the case depends dramatically on the individual, and I personally believe that it is the ones that have a tendency to form stronger expectations by nature also tend to be the so called 'natural psions'.)

(+Gemini) I am certain that each and every one of you must have observed this effect in action many times throughout your lives. Something minor that slips through your mind, barely with recognition, that soon manifests. It was many, many consistent experiences of exactly this sort that first opened my eyes to psionic practices, long before I discovered the OEC.

(+Gemini) There is an interesting effect that manifests in those that regularly practice psionism (or any art? Those who study another, please tell me): The frequency and regularity of these experiences increases dramatically, as the mind becomes more 'in tune' with the soul, it is only natural that the expectations of the former would become more focused in the latter.

(@Prophecy) I will vouch for that statement from the magic paradigm as well.

(+Gemini) This was something that at first I found to be problematic, as my thoughts were not yet sufficiently in order that I would see them made manifest. It became necessary to not merely spend time and practice on affecting the world, but being in communion with the soul itself, in pursuit of a more focused philosophy and mental state.

(+Gemini) It seems an inevitable result of the nature of the soul that we are bound to influence the world in this fashion, regardless of our level of expertise. We will have an influence, like it or no. It seems thereby an imperative that we, as psions, both take responsibility for the effects even our most passive of beliefs can have, and take effort to define ourselves in a fashion that we truly find becoming.

(+Gemini) Every place, every thing, and every person we encounter is touched by us. We are in turn touched by the expectations of those around us. The clarity of the mind and soul is not only a necessity for the practice of psi. It is something that we require in order to achieve the good that we wish to see in the world.

(@Shadowwarrior13) The link between the three planes of existence is vital in both psi and magic, and is necessary for progress.

(+Gemini) That was the primary purpose of the most recent lesson in the course. It is essential that one be cogent in their philosophies if they wish to continue in a stable fashion.

(+Gemini) And... that is the end, really. Sorry, it was not supposed to be long. :)

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Masters of Transformation

Just out of pure curiosity;

Quote

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Marking the soul destroys clarity. Naturally, the effects of psi become diminished. I will not labor to explain it, but this can have far reaching effects because psi is not a hobby but a fundamental view of the universe.

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Masters of Transformation

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Let's say you use psi to hurt someone for the sake of revenge. What this really means, is that you have used clear intent to hurt someone using the full focus of the core of your being. It means that to do this, you essentially ARE the harm you are doing. First the violent negativity of the act is inside of you, and then it is reflected on the outside world. This process changes you, because you have altered yourself to do it

and by doing it.

On the other hand, using psi to help others can be quite uplifting for exactly the same reason. To help others, first the positive nature of the act is inside of you, and then it is reflected on the outside world.

This is not simply philosophy, but is an intrinsic consequence of the process by which psi operates.

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so what effect does this have on morality.

for example, if two people have two different conceptions of morality, and they both do the same deed, but due to their different moral systems, one thinks the deed is moral, and the other one doesn't. so does this mean the same deed can effect different people in different ways, even though the change to the soul and the outcome is essentially the same?

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cause I'm knocking over every cone
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Quote from: Magari on November 21, 2015, 09:11:43 AM
Does psionics consider possible stages of transformation?

Could you expand on this a bit? I'm not sure I understand what you're asking.

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(01:06) (@kobok) (☹ _ ☹)

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Fundamental Psi: Inner Meditation and Linking
Inner Meditation and Linking

Those of us who've been introduced to various psionic circles have heard if the term "scanning". While the practices vary from circle to circle, the definition and underlying

truth remain. To scan is to discover information about any aspect of any thing, now, later, or before here. Before we can scan, however, we must balance ourselves, and be able to connect with what we're scanning.

Inner Meditation

Inner meditation is a practice which involves knowing the self, which is inarguably one of the most fundamental and valuable parts of being any sort of practitioner. Knowing the self and controlling the self open the way for one to control everything outside of the self.

Inner meditation consists of focal meditation, with the focus being on the soul instead of the candle. It's used to ask questions and understand oneself, and acquire balance. Start out getting relaxed however you're most comfortable with. To perform this, instead of jumping right to inner meditation, it is wise to begin with a candle meditation. Once the proper state is achieved, which would be nice and calm, and focused, the focal point should be switched to the soul. As you should have performed kinetics, you should have a vague feeling of the soul. If you can remember this, use it. If not, try meditating on the candle and performing kinetics until you can feel the soul firmly. As you meditate on the candle, slowly focus less on the candle and more on yourself and the soul, underneath all of your thoughts and feelings. After you've retained a firm focal point on the soul, detach yourself and simply float within the focus of the soul.

Linking

Linking is a crucial part of scanning. Without linking, there would be no conduit to scanning. To link is to form a strong connection to the target with the soul, so a scan may be performed.

Start by performing inner meditation. When a strong focus on the soul is achieved, think of your target. It can be a person, place, object, or whatever you feel like scanning. Slowly start to focus on the target with your soul, by meditating on it. Form the intent to link with it, and use your awareness to project the soul to the target. When a firm link is achieved, you may randomly receive information about the target. Practice with linking until a proficient link can be made, and information received can be confirmed as positive. With time and effort, linking may be mastered, and can evolve into scanning, which will be covered in the next lesson. Practice, and progress.

Feel free to post comments or questions, and don't be shy. :)

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Inner Meditation and Linking

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Nice article. Clear and down to the point. You should post your paragraphs like Gemini did, for the sake of consistency, and the sake of me not gouging my eyes out because of my apparent OCD-like problems. :P

But content is good.

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"I am not this hair, I am not this skin, I am the soul that lives within."

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Very nicely written.

These are two practices that are of immense importance to the practicing psion.

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A good article I think, covers some important things. The only issue I have with it is that linking is not necessary in order to scan as my opinion on the matter is expressed in my previous article.

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I am of the firm conviction that, while it may not be consciously or purposefully created, some form of a link is achieved whilst scanning. Something's gotta connect.

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There is an inherent link between people in general but the only required links for scanning are those between the scanner and their mental projection. Otherwise there is no more link necessary than would be to say, look at a picture on a wall.

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Inner Meditation and Linking

"There is an inherent link between people in general..."

Even if this is true, then the link is still there, it simply already exists and is further strengthened and energized. As Shadow said, something's gotta connect. However, in Dynamic Psi there is the belief in a conceptual plane operating by conceptual laws; in a conceptual world everything is organized and linked conceptually. This, therefore, may be why it seems that there is no need for a link - the mind naturally and subconsciously makes the connection between self and target.

~Hech

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This inherent link is not necessary either whether or not it is present. A target is necessary, and a goal is necessary, but there is no requirement for a connection between those involved as it is a matter of interpreting information as one could determine by walking towards something and looking at it. No different from traveling to a location. The ability to gather information from what is before you defines the necessity for a link. What can be sensed may set a limit to what must be directly 'taken' from what is being viewed.

The conceptual creation is merely a result of considering your target but focusing or strengthening this in particular is unnecessary.

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Inner Meditation and Linking

Quote from: Forg on February 19, 2007, 06:07:58 PM

Otherwise there is no more link necessary than would be to say, look at a picture on a wall.

Are you going to tell me there is no link when you look at a picture on a wall? A link can be much more general than you may be thinking.

A link can be thought of as an association between information. So if information is connected or is transmitted, then there is a link. It does not have to be an "energy tunnel" or any specific visualization.

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I was actually going to edit my post in response as I've been considering a potential terminology difference here. Indeed as I've stated there are links relative to such things as simply looking at a picture or listening to a song, but in context linking within this category generally does mean 'energy tunnel' and so I took it that way.

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Inner Meditation and Linking

I see what you're saying, though. You were talking about two different concepts. It seemed to me when I originally read this yesterday, that a link is necessary more for sending and no link is necessary more for receiving, yes?

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Yeeesh! Apparently I forgot the signature changes on all posts....AND until you change it again...oh well enough then...sorry 'bout that

November 05, 2008, 11:15:06 AMReply #11

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Well I was wondering if you don't know yourself you can't scan anything or anybody?

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Fundamental Psi: Scanning
Scanning

Scanning, as aforementioned in the linking lesson, is the art of obtaining information about any place, person, object, concept, or generally anything that exists. It should be treated as any other act of kinesis, as intent, manipulation of energies, and actualization within the soul are needed. While the brain is used to interpret the data, it is by no means the mechanism, or even necessary.

The Linking Process

If you've been following the course as instructed, you've read on the process of linking. A link is crucial in all scans, and while it helps immensely to consciously create a link while beginning scanning, it becomes less and less necessary to perform as you mature in your practices. A link is used to transfer information, and as an anchor for your soul to connect to the target. Whilst first learning to scan, it is wise to make sure that a solid link is achieved with the target, for more accurate results and ease of scanning. Eventually, a link will be automatically achieved for a scan, but until that point, spend time on making a stable link.

Performing A Scan

Spend enough time focal meditating so that you have a completely clear and alert mind. Figure out a target, with easily verifiable results. Note that a scan is not limited to your own place in time, and can be something that already or will happen. A good target is a card flipped over. Acquire a deck of cards, shuffle them facedown, and place a card facedown on a flat surface. Gain awareness of the soul, and form a stable link to the card. Form a clear intent to know what's on the card. You can scan specific aspects of the card, such as the suit, its color, number, etc., for a wider approach, but this is not necessary. After your intent is formed, you may take either a passive or active approach to scanning. You can be completely receptive and await the information to arrive within the soul, or you can use the soul to reach out and read the information. Keep in mind that you want to receive the information with the soul alone, and the mind should be calm and quiet. After information is obtained with confidence, try not to interpret, and flip the card over. If the scan was successful, note your state of mind and concentration and the position of the soul during that scan. If unsuccessful, attempt it again, and tweak your performance of the scan. Always be aware of what you're doing, so you can note it if the scan was successful or unsuccessful.

Analytical Overlay

Analytical Overlay, or AOL, occurs when the brain attempts to receive the information or interpret it in place of the soul. When scanning, always be vigilant that the mind is under control and not running wild, and isn't taking a hold of the information received and spinning it out of its original meaning. Preconceptions should be at all costs avoided, and if existing, should be made sure that they're not minded. If a scan is unsuccessful because of AOL, take a minute to clear your mind, and re-scan with the focus being on the soul rather than the mind.

As with all psionic acts, doubt should be kept to a minimum, preferably nonexistent. If proper confidence is maintained, and belief at a high, success is relatively guaranteed.

Feel free to post questions, comments, or discuss, and don't be shy. :)

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Again...Good job, clearly written.

Namaste

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Namaste

I believe he covered that in the inner meditation article.

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Sigil for focus

Best argument ever.

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Secret Rose

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Scanning

I am not able to perform any type of telekinesis but to perform a scan is something that I picked up from somewhere before I found the Veritas Society. I just remembered someone somewhere saying there is always a link between everything. So I just tell myself that everything is linked together, and it works very well for me. Like today for example I was playing a game online, it was a waitress game where you take peoples orders and get the food. Well I just said to myself okay let's have some fun, and I decided to find out what the next person was going to order, I immediately knew that it was steak and lime pop. I've never thought of it as scanning though, just as looking to see what was there. Which in it's essence is the same thing.

How can I do a scan but not any of the other stuff? Frustrating. bleck. I must learn the basics, but they are not coming easy to me.

What should I do?

~Secret Rose

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So with a proper scan you can get a lot of information from the person or thing. And not just present but past and future? I never tried that before this is going to be interesting.

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I can do this already, but I call it telepathy. I just don't know how to do it the way you do. Well like I call it different stuff like when I look in someone's head it's telepathy.

But whenever concentrate and smell an object I can see the past.

And I can see far away, like if someone's reading a book I can see the page number, or if a cards flipped over.

But I just try, there's no soul stuff like happening. I just googled 2012 and I found this sight.

And I just wanted to learn telekinesis, but I can only do it sometimes when I'm mad, but stuff just shakes or shoots off somewhere.

I'm not sure I understand. I've had these I guess you could call it gifts and I've only mastered the telepathy, seeing the future (only when i sleep) , and some other stuff.

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Re: Fundamental Psi: Scanning

It sounds like you are using biometrics, obtaining historical information from holding an object.

As for rattling object, I hear its common in those untrained. In fact, I hear people mistake it for a poltergeist haunting.

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I choose the Twilight Path to the Dawn.

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Ah, I did mean psychometrics. And yeah, I didn't really pay close enough attention to

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Fundamental Dynamic Psi: The Conceptual Domain

The Conceptual Domain

The practice of Dynamic Psi revolves around not only manipulating the physical realm, but other facets of the world and reality. The universe is comprised of many, many layers of coexisting energy and virtue, being divided up into many groups and categories. One of the most major definitions of the planes is the 3-plane theory, which fits into most other major systems of thought. 3-plane theory revolves around, logically, 3 planes of existence. We begin with the material realm, the physical manifestation of all planes into what we see daily. This is derived from the conceptual realm, which will be the main focus of this lesson. The conceptual realm is the gathering and holding place of all thoughts, virtues, and concepts created at any time, ever. The conceptual realm holds programming for constructs, intent for a kinet, or any other sort of guidance for a psionic act. Its importance is quite obvious, and understanding of it and the mechanics of it can immensely boost understanding of programming or intent.

The presence of the conceptual domain explains many things. Objects are created from things held in the conceptual domain, and all physical objects or expressions are linked to concepts. This applies very heavily to scanning, as scanning is the act of obtaining information through the soul. Once it is known that the virtues are not held in the objects themselves, it becomes easier to link to an object's place in the conceptual domain, and retrieve information. Linking to something held in the conceptual realm is the same process of linking to anything else, and it helps a better, more accurate scan to be performed, as there is minimal interference.

The nature of the conceptual plain brings some questions as to the application of psi. As to the application of kinesis to a large event, one must take into account the large amount of thought interference associated. One fine example is the lottery. While you may want to kinet yourself into winning, so do the other millions of people participating. As the planes are influenced by every passing thought by every passing bystander, there's a bit of tension involved. It's one thing to kinet an event in which only a few people are also wishing for the outcome; a few wills are not too strenuous to overcome with a trained mind. However, with 100 million people wishing for different things within the same subject, it takes a fair bit more skill to completely change the outcome than a smaller event. As the target gets larger, more interference is present, and the outcome is more difficult to alter.

Utilization of the conceptual realm in psionics is, without a doubt, necessary to growth. The use and study of the underlying mechanisms is crucial to the practice of Dynamic Psi, and the utilization of them is the difference between a failed attempt and a successful psionic act. The planes hold a necessary aspect of psionics in that without

using them, psi is just blind flailing. Begin your study of the conceptual domain through attempting to link to concepts residing on it, and scanning through the conceptual domain.

Feel free to ask questions and discuss.

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This is well written, however I find a general lack of information on what is actually in the conceptual domain. Also, the description of the realm becomes hazy when it is too specific, as you tend to name it as a "thing." I suspect the readers (at least a portion of them) shall want to know specifically what will be found there, or at least a few examples, before they look for themselves. You seem to stress the importance of the realm, and it is important, however you do not say specifically why it is so important aside from it being the origin of all that we find in physical manifestation. I am going to assume that before you wrote this, most of the current audience following the class did not know what the domain was until you spoke of the terminology in this article.

I mention this in relative length because your other articles have been more detailed and focused. Consider this as constructive criticism, and not a personal attack.

Otherwise I feel it is a good source of preliminary information for a psion planning to experiment with that plane of existence. Good job as usual.

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One might find it interesting to read Prophecy's Occult Virtues lecture. The underlying concepts of this lecture greatly pertain to the conceptual domain.

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Do you see your created objects as coming down (from a higher realm) or going up (from a lower one)? Do you visualize it as, say, a triangle surrounding you? I usually think of it in fours, so I am a bit confused. How is this approach different from and similar to using a seven-pronged approach like chakras? Thanks in advance for your insight. I am looking for a mentor.

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Oriens Lvx Lucis...is that Latin for "master of the obvious"? Ouch. My question was just plain mean. I thank you for pointing that out, in the event that you thought I didn't already know that. I realize things like that can happen, especially in my case. However, it is my desire to not apply for a mentor until I have a better knowledge of the exact approach I want to take, as well as a better feeling for the mentors available. Thus, my attempts at making posts to possible mentors to try to encourage a dialog. Perhaps I should continue being mean, and inform you of the other steps I am taking to help ensure I make a "good" decision? Nah, I don't want to get myself in trouble.

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So what are the three planes? Physical realm, conceptual realm and whats the other one?

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There is no such thing as a dumb question.

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Person 2: You dumb!

Person 1: Touche. =]

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The three are the physical domain, the energetic domain, and the conceptual domain. See the three domains wiki page for more info.

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There are certainly analogues, and obviously Plato came up with his ideas first (and I have read about it, so I knew of them before coming up with my descriptions of the conceptual domain). I attribute the similarities to Plato being a sharp guy, and the simple fact that true things have a tendency to be rediscovered regularly.

There are some minor differences, in that I regard Plato's forms as adhering more to the concept of perfect forms, whereas the conceptual domain is far more general. While "triangle" is indeed a concept in the conceptual domain, so is "that triangle over there on the table with the scratch on its corner." In this sense the conceptual domain is more general and less "pure" than what Plato envisioned.

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Fundamental Psi: Introduction to Energy

We now begin the final segment of Fundamental Dynamic Psi: Energy manipulation.

Energy manipulation is a topic with a wide degree of opinions in the OEC. While under many paradigms it is viewed as an easier process to perform than kinesis or scanning, the practitioners of dynamic psi have found this not to be so. It is something just as difficult, just as easy, and just as prone to analytic overlay as the other branches of psi practice. For this reason, we have introduced the first two pillars of psi first, so that aspirants can gain practice with the essential skills necessary, as well as reap practical benefits. Now, the use of the mysterious 'energy' of psi will be shown as a powerful tool to augment those other areas.

Let us begin!

What is Energy?

Let us first make some distinctions clear about what energy is not.

When we say 'energy' in this article, we are talking about metaphysical energy, not physical energy. Physical energy refers to things such as kinetic energy, or thermal energy. On the surface at least, the two types are very distinct, but there does seem to be some confusion of terms, such as invoking $E=mc^2$. This does not seem accurate.

The reason that we use the term 'energy', despite this potential source of confusion, is that in some senses it possesses the same essential function as physical energy. Physical energy is, essentially, the fuel for change. Nothing in the physical world can be changed without it; we need kinetic energy to move, thermal energy for heat, etc.. In a similar fashion, metaphysical energy, as we will find, is the fuel for metaphysical change, and through it sometimes physical change as well.

Secondly, metaphysical energy in dynamic psi refers to a single type of energy. In other paradigms, a host of classifications may exist, such as lunar energy, fire energy, etc.. According to our observations, there seems to be only a single type, but that type can be transmuted into whatever archetypes one desires. In short, energy is energy, whatever flavor of it you have.

What exactly is Energy?

This is a very important question. While the topic of energy manipulation is a frequent discussion about many OEC forums and chats, what exactly it *is* is not one that I have personally observed frequently. In some ways, this makes sense. Energy is something that seems by nature much more disconnected from the "real world" than kinesis or scanning, and so trying to analyze it, its properties, and its effects can be a difficult task.

Energy can be thought of, in some senses, as a substance. It has properties, like a physical substance, such as quantity and location. It can be moved around. It can also be altered and transmuted through intent, and exposure to concepts from the conceptual domain.

Energy seems to exist in a sort of "in-between" place between the physical and conceptual domains, which we call the energetic domain. It possesses location in the sense that is bound to concepts, rather than possessing physical coordinates per se. For example, the concept of a particular room might have energy corresponding to it on the energetic domain. A psion is capable of sensing this energy via the soul as easily as they are to sense concepts.

Energy, in its "natural" state, is very neutral, possessing no real properties of which to speak. However, it is very easily transmuted into possessing certain properties by exposure to intent, witting or no. An excessively negative person might cause the energy bound to them to possess a similarly "negative" feeling. A psion can purposefully imbue any properties on energy that he or she so chooses.

The implications of this "flavoring" of energy is important, because of the way that it relates to the physical world. Energy represents, in some senses, possibility. Classic psychokinesis, whether one realizes it at the time or not, is actually the process of moving energy to the desired target, imbuing it with the intent of physical motion, and then having this metaphysical energy fuel the creation of the physical energy. Similarly, through our latent thoughts and expectations, we flavor energy with ideas and possibilities, which can then, in small ways, manifest themselves upon the world.

We, as psions, can take advantage of the nature of energy by purposefully utilizing it to our goals in kinesis. Where, in previous exercises, we simply used whatever energy was already present within the target, we can now gather it from elsewhere to fuel our desire for transformation. We can also transform existing energies within our environments and ourselves to achieve other desired effects.

Exercise

For now, keep things simple. Enter into a deeply meditative state in communion with the soul, and try to reach out with the soul's perceptions to sense the ambient energy in the room you are in. Try then exploring other places that energy exists, such as other rooms, objects, and even within yourself. Try to experience the different flavors of energy; it runs the gamut, capable of taking on a host of different impressions from the limitless possible concepts. From here, experiment with attempting to imbue that energy with concepts of your own. For good archetypes to try, consider relatively simple ideas with broad implications, such as "frustrated" or "soothing". This takes a bit of practice, but you will soon find that the energy is willing to be imbued by your intentions as readily as the more passive ones that have already colored it.

Once you feel you have started to get the hang of transforming energy, attempt to move it. This is fundamentally no different than imbuing it with the intent to do so. Once this skill is mastered, feel free to attempt to purposefully gather and imbue energy to enhance your power with kinesis.

Next time, we shall release an article on grounding and filtering; the clearing away of

old, undesirable and detritus energy and constructs. From there, we shall move on to construct manipulation.

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If I understand the article correctly, then energy is what turns a concept into a physical manifestation.

In the earlier articles you talked about how the soul can make concepts real, and how a connection with your soul allows you to alter the physical world. When you move a flame you don't create or control a force which moves the flame, you make the flame a part of yourself and change the underlying concept of the flame to make it move. This doesn't require an energy, I could equally change the flame into a toad :p this wouldn't require more energy (which you seem to suggest) but a more fundamental change of the concepts underlying the flame, which would require greater control of my soul and thus greater control of the physical sphere which is a part of my soul.

When you talk about energy it could just as well be thought of as the concept of the ability to alter the physical domain and flavoured energies are just pre-existing concepts which have been made by other people etc. So when you are gathering energy what you are really doing is creating the intent that you can alter the physical domain, the problem is that energy implies a limit on your ability. Of course in this system energy doesn't exist only concepts (both yours and external) and the strength of your will to alter them.

My idea is that you make the part of the universe you want to alter a part of yourself, and by altering yourself you then alter that part of the universe. An internal change to create an external one, this doesn't require any idea of an energy that makes concepts real. I do however agree that using concepts which already exist can help you achieve greater results.

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“And you shall drink your cup alone, though it taste of blood and tears, and praise God for the gift of taste.” -Almustafa, Garden of the Prophet.

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Except that you can change a part of yourself without changing the corresponding part of the universe. People have very thorough mistaken beliefs all the time, and this is one simple example of the universe not reflecting their inner state.

Energy and actualization make up the difference, with energy being the power or impetus, and actualization being the application or actual act of transference.

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Fundamental Dynamic Psi: Constructs, Grounding, and Filtering Constructs, Grounding, and Filtering

Psi is a very impressionable energy, being controlled, no matter how minutely, by the slightest intent. In this act of manipulating psi, we will notice conceptually distinct intents group and form on their own. Whether we consciously do this or not, psi will form into these groups, which we call constructs. A construct is psi imbued with intent, used to bring about some sort of change. Constructs can be immensely intricate and complicated, or simple.

Applications of Constructs

Constructs are used for a multitude of tasks, ranging from conveying information to kinesis itself. A construct may be used to 'enchant' an object, enabling it to bring about certain virtues in the user. Construct communication is a very useful application of construct dynamics, and is great practice for creating, sending, and reading constructs. A construct can autonomously gather energy without the active will of the psion guiding it, which can open the gate for more advanced constructs and kinesis. Constructs may be programmed to conflict with other constructs, and ground locations and people, as well as scan and store information.

The Development of a Construct

A construct is created when intent is formed and coupled with psi. A construct exists in the conceptual realm, being a grouping of intent. As a construct is formed by any act of kinesis or intent coupled with psi, this is obviously a prerequisite to creating a construct. A construct may be more cleanly and efficiently made with conscious effort. Begin with focal meditation, preferably on the soul. Start by gathering psi, which was covered in the Introduction to Energy lesson, located

<http://forums.vrsociety.net/index.php?topic=10460.0>here.

Having a surplus of ambient energy will enable better reception of the intent and programming to the construct, thus making it easier for beginners or practice. After a sufficient amount of psi has been gathered, form an intent to gather the psi in one location, whether the location be physical or nonphysical. At this point, and even far before, you should have a purpose for your construct, or some form of intent. Conceptualize this and work on actualizing this intent, using the psi energy that you've gathered. After adequate time has been spent on actualizing the intent (which can also be directly related to the creation of the construct, e.g., "This construct will operate on gathering ambient energy and storing it until so-and-so date.") expect that your construct has been firmly and completely created, and finish. Construct dynamics are a rather large aspect of working with psi, and immensely boost knowledge of the inner

workings of psi.

Grounding & Filtering

The processes of grounding and filtering are, arguably, some of the most important to upkeep and restoration of psi practices. Through active cleaning and scrubbing of one's surrounding field, a psion may find mental clarity easier to attain, acts of kinesis come easier and cleaner, and an array of abilities come naturally.

Grounding

Grounding is the act of 'recycling' impure energy on all planes of existence around oneself. The process requires a quieted mind, so begin grounding with focal meditation. Acts of energy require intent as much as kinesis, so form a solid intent to cleanse the energy surrounding you on all planes. Locate a focal point within the soul and actualize this intent, dispelling all of the impurities, virtues, and preconceived concepts saturating the energy. Be thorough, and make sure the energy is completely pure and clean on all planes. The process may be repeated several times to ensure cleanliness, but try to be very deep and thorough about it.

Filtering

While grounding cleans the surrounding energy and area of virtues and unclean energy, filtering cleans your immediate area and self of constructs. Constructs may be formed without realizing it, picked up elsewhere, formed by others, or forgotten about. Begin as you did grounding with focal meditation. Form an intent to dispel and dismantle any surrounding constructs, attached or otherwise. Form a focal point in the soul and actualize the intent, feeling your surrounding area become cleaner and less 'cluttered'. Again, this may be repeated, but one should be very thorough about it. Through grounding and filtering, a stable working environment may be created and maintained, and other workings will come easier.

Feel free to post questions. Discussion is encouraged. :)

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If the "you" that is focally meditating is focused on the soul, then what is it that is observing? In Dynamic Psi, what are the constituents of Man and what is it that forms the conscious observation and actualization in these various meditations and applications?

As a side note, how might this clean and vibrant environment be maintained? Do you suggest the general intent within the soul of steadfast cleanliness to ward off negativity, just as darkness cannot exist in the presence of light, or do you suggest a more defined action such as the creation of an energized border or specified construct?

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The cognizant faculty of the mind is originally used for awareness and observing in meditation, but deep enough focal meditation upon the soul can shift awareness to the seat of the soul, so as the consciousness is in the soul as it is being concentrated upon.

As for the cleanliness of the area, a 'barrier' of sorts may be an accidental result of cleansing, but is not a requisite. A general wiping of constructs and intentions can

benefit practice greatly, and indeed, one can learn to actively ward off and filter constructs and the like.

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Construct communication is a very useful application of construct dynamics, and is great practice for creating, sending, and reading constructs.

What is construct communication? How do you do it?

telepathy via constructs. think of it like psychic email. If you don't have a partner for that, you could always try scanning training by using constructs, that way you get an extra step of training in there.

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Scanning (by Forg)

Scanning is a rather general term. The "technique" itself is rather that of multiple facets. Scanning entails searching an area or being for any given thing. I will go over a basic technique for scanning a person from any distance or any location and slightly more difficult versions in order to get more detailed information.

Basics

To be simplistic about it, scanning is a matter of linking up to your target, be that person or place, and being able to perceive the target to get the desired information. So initially to create the connection I would recommend extending your energy out to the target via use of name, photo, phone number, or other such things that may be

personal to that person. Something that will be laced with that person or places energy signature.

An energy signature is different for each person/area. It is basically like an 'energy fingerprint' of the person. This can be found in objects a specific person may use or words they have typed, due to the intent they use toward those things. The signature, being personal, is what you will link to, thus creating your connection to them.

There are many ways to extend your energy to that person. A particularly good way to start is using visualizations of a chain of energy coming from you; or you can picture that object, or the person/places name and focus on the feeling of yourself moving out to that point or extending there. You can also achieve this by simply feeling the signature out which will be mentioned later. This connection can be made over most any distance on the planet, as energy is not limited by the physical. The medium which used to create or send it through doesn't make a difference either, but the longer the connection, the more energy necessary to create it. The difficulty of connecting to someone across the globe is little different then to connection to someone on the other side of the house.

Now that your connection has been made, your intent may to be expressed. You should focus your mind on what you are looking for or what you are looking at. As though you were looking around the room normally or perhaps an object. This is also similar to some telepathic techniques, in which you are "scanning" the object at hand for particular color or shape. It's at this point where, if you don't get a good mental visual or are just unsure, you ask questions of your subconscious. Ask yourself in the back of your mind a simple question ("What color is it?" or "Is it blue", etc). What you feel is correct will be the answer, or if you are simply answered with a yes or no. Each person is different in this respect and what shall be returned from the subconscious or how is determined only by that person. Just as how you attain the information, by seeing or asking, is person specific.

After scanning, it's important to remember to close the connection, either by imagining your cutting it or simply by filtering. Connections left open can bring in unwanted things from the target such as feelings, possibly parasites, or other such things may occur. So unless you are prepared for what is to come from the other end, close the connection.

Scanning without a link

A link is not required to scan. Links will help at first to get the idea of finding an energy signature that you may be looking for but once you have the idea it would benefit you more to not link directly. In order to avoid linking to the person you are trying to scan you simply need to keep their signature in mind. This can be done the same way as mentioned earlier in the article except you want to clearly keep the intent to not link to the person.

Instead you will be mentally projecting more than anything. Now this may sound intimidating at first but it's not all that complicated. While focusing on the signature you just want to 'appear' at the location. Keep in mind again that psi is not limited by physical concepts. Visualization in this case can be simple as just existing where the person is, just appearing next to them. As your understanding of finding the location of an energy sig grows you will better understand how to get there without the use of a

link.

Specific Scanning

This section is applicable to those who practiced the first section to a point of ease.

Scanning can be used to find more specific things rather than the more simple tasks covered before. These tasks separate scanning into categories: Physical scans , which involve the scanning for a persons physical traits such as eye color or what their face may look like; energy body scans, which are scans of a persons energy self; 'time look' scans (which will not be covered in this article). It is not limited to just these, but these are the types that shall be addressed.

Physical scans aren't much different from a normal scan except that the focus is on the persons physical traits. I recommend braking down what you are looking for. Start with eye color, by focusing on it as you would normally. Then by asking yourself or from actual site you achieve your answer. From here you can move on to hair color, then to face shape, and other specifics. Then try to put it all together and focus on a scan of the large picture. The previous information will make it much easier to then see the whole picture. If difficulty persists, simplify it further. If it's easy, look at larger parts at a time.

Energy body scans are a scan of a person's energy. It is literally the placement and flow of a person's energy. It is typical that this is what is seen when initially scanning a person. If you don't get this upon scanning a person then focus on their energy specifically, focus on finding and seeing it inside of them. This scan can be particularly useful. Once you have become used to scanning to find the energy body then you can be more specific with it. Shift your focus along the energy body like you would move a telescope. Think to yourself on where you would like to go, focus on going there, thus moving your focus. It's just like focusing on your hand and moving your energy in or out of it. Envision your energy going to where you would like your sight to go. This isn't necessary if a good visual isn't able to be produced. The specific factors can be found by the same process of questioning as said earlier. The energy body, also containing energy flow, can have blockages. They tend to appear as dark spots on the energy body, this can be caused by a number of things. Similarly, constructs or other energy may be seen around it. This can be identified by focusing on them as you would an object or person. Then questioning its construction, the way stated previously. There are many other facets to the energy body which will not be covered in this article.

Note

These are just examples of what can be accomplished as ability increases and is not limited to this. I can't stress this enough. This is a basic overview of what you can do to achieve this and you should create your own technique. The best techniques are the ones that fit your needs, in other words, the best technique for me isn't necessarily the best for you. So this can be used as a starting block for your own design, or, if it works, stick with what you are doing. Just as well, your morals behind it are your own, keep in mind that this should only be done with permission of the person being scanned. It's just

like peeking through someone's window, you act in a way where the person may not be aware of you and you invade their privacy. I leave that up to you, but be warned if you are to encounter an unhappy person who discovers what has occurred.

Feel free to make any comments, suggestions, or complaints

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Comments: I like the article, you set it out in away which was easy to understand from a beginners perspective, you didn't use to many psionic terms (which is a good thing, becuase it's a basic training tool)

Suggestions: I can't really think of anything to improve it! :D

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I would like for the "household needs" to be explained better. I didn't quite catch those in the article.

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Thank you falcon ^_^

And Thief, pardon my mis-advertising. The next article will cover all of those things such as scanning your egg salad for flavor and telepathic milk communication.

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1. Can I scan for the linked person's thoughts? (A.K.A. telepathy)
2. Can I start sending them messages from there?
3. Can I do 1 and 2 WITHOUT linking? (As exactly said in "Scanning without a link")

Thanks in advance!

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Re: All around scanning, for shields, energy bodies and other household needs

1. Can I scan for the linked person's thoughts? (A.K.A. telepathy)

Yes, of course. Unless forced out or away by the person you are scanning this feat is quite possible and is actually the way I do it, just without the linking.

2. Can I start sending them messages from there?

This is also possible but depends greatly on your ability to send the messages and the persons ability to interpret the messages. With such things as telepathic suggestion it's easier to get your messages through because you are directing the persons thoughts to change their actions, which doesn't require a conscious interpretation of the message you are sending. With something that requires conscious deciphering (unless the person is commonly sensitive to these types of things or you are capable of making the message strong enough) it's likely the person you are sending the message to would need to be aware that you are sending them something.

It's also important to note that when you are just starting a practice like telepathy, messages are easier for both users to interpret if they are based more on feelings or simple ideas rather than trying to send words.

3. Can I do 1 and 2 WITHOUT linking? (As exactly said in "Scanning without a link")

Simply by talking with someone or just seeing them you create a small link between you and that person in any case (not necessarily anything strong or significant), this is strong enough to facilitate telepathic communication. That basically means a conscious 'strong' connection is not necessary.

In any case though you do not require any kind of link to do either of the things in 1 or 2 because thoughts in general are projected in waves. Kind of in the sense of a speaker sending waves of sound, only in an energetic sense. Simply being aware of these waves and focusing on receiving them from the specific person or to the person would be enough.

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Binding Constructs to Objects

by Shadowwarrior13

A while ago, when I was making constructs easily and getting bored, I tinkered with "binding" them to random objects. Many of you have probably heard of this concept, but for those who haven't, an explanation: The word binding is used generally in magic to explain "locking" a spirit, servitor, or whatever into something else. I tried it out, and had trouble with just putting the construct in the object and leaving it to its own devices. It always stayed in one place when I moved the object, and never "stuck". So to prevent this for all of you, here's a few techniques for keeping those constructs latched on to whatever you want. I'll also include some ideas for applications, how it works, and all you need to take it beyond this article.

Applications:

We can move objects using Psychokinesis, influence chance with Micro-PK, influence emotions with Empathy, suggest actions using Telepathy, etc. Well, instead of doing it manually, why not have an object do it for you? Stick a luck-enhancing construct on some dice, a construct on a pool ball to push away from holes, or for a prank, a construct on a coin to scare people. One could "enchant" a pencil with a construct to make a chick (or dude) fall wildly in love with them, and give this pencil to him/her. If done right, you can do numerous things like this with wild results. As another example: I could have a non-psionic friend who was under a psychic attack. Solution? I could attach a shield-creating construct onto a charm or necklace and give it to them as a gift. Attaching constructs to objects can be handy for storing energy for later. Let's say you have a really good "energy level" one day. You could make a construct with a bunch of energy, and save this for a rainy day. Or maybe you want to make a long-term construct that's easy to keep track of. Attach it to a ring and you'll always know where that construct is.

Theory:

The basic idea is getting the construct to stay with the object, right? Well, a little insight into psi helps greatly when using and adapting this art. Every rock, tree, piece of gum, person, keyboard, etc. has an underlying energetic structure. Now, some may be more complex than others, but this structure can have contributions from energy picked up from people handling it, from its surroundings, or it can be a naturally occurring energy structure. Trees, animals, and other natural things have natural energetic structures. Even non organic things such as most rocks have naturally occurring structures. By naturally occurring, I mean that the energy is created along with the substance. With non natural things such as plastic, computers, paper, and other manmade materials, energetic structures are formed with energy from people, environments, or anything else with energy coming into close proximity with the material. This energy breaks off of its original place, and comes over and sticks to the material, strengthening and forming more of a structure. Since this is the "soul" of the object, more or less, it doesn't leave the object, so this is what we want to bind to. If we bind to this structure, the construct becomes a part of that structure, and stays with it until it dies.

Methods:

Visualization:

One of the methods I use is... visualization. Yeah, that thing you used to make psiballs when you started out works for other stuff too. Let's say we're practicing binding a "hot" construct to a rock. You could imagine the construct melting into the rock, getting glued, or just smashed in there. The only limit is your imagination, so to speak, but the visualizations used must be taken in to account. Visualization is just imagining something while having the imagined scenario sent to the subconscious and interpreted as a command to do something. If the command is unclear, nothing will happen. You'd want to use something that symbolized the construct moving to the object, filling its space (this helps), and "sticking" it to the object.

Shell Melting:

Another tech is what I like to call shell melting. What this is, basically, is melting a shell into the object in question, and putting the construct in there. You CAN melt the shell of the construct itself, but I do it with a different shell for the extra strength, and so if one becomes infected with a virus, it can't spread to the other. For this, pick a random object. This works with everything, so don't be picky later on. For starting purposes though, pick something simple, such as a bottle cap, marble, pencil, nothing too distracting from the original purpose. Create a basic empty shell with the approximate shape and size of your object. (Shaping it like the object isn't completely necessary, but I like my constructs to fit cleanly so nothing's sticking out awkwardly.) Now, move the shell inside of the object, overlaying it. Here comes the exciting part. What you want to do here is melt the shell into the "fabric" of the object. To do this, you want to be able to sense the energetic structure of the object. If you can see the structure, you can melt the outer shell into it. To melt the shell, just program/command it like you would any other construct, to melt into the structure and merge with it. I wouldn't suggest doing this with the entire construct, as if the innards of the construct merge with the innards of the structure, it can corrupt the programming by putting foreign patterns in there.

Weaving:

A tech I especially like is just weaving the construct into the same "fabric" of the object as last time. Weave your construct into this. Weaving is a technique which I feel greatly enhances the strength and endurance of a construct. Think of lots of little strands all interwoven tightly to make a construct. That's what weaving is! To weave a construct itself, instead of making a big lump of psi and forming it into a construct, you form "threads", or little strings of psi. Make lots of these, and they can be any size you want. Now, using however you program/control constructs, weave these in and out of each other like a wicker basket. This may sound scary and complicated, but it sounds a heck of a lot more complex on paper than it really is. It helps make constructs stronger, as when you weave, you pay more attention to the entire construct, and when you weave, the threads are tighter together than normal energy floating around sticking to itself. After a bit of practice with making constructs this way, it can be done as fast as lumping psi together into a construct. Now, back to weaving it into the object. We learned to weave, so what's stopping us from weaving through the actual structure of the object? You can weave through an already existing construct, just stick the threads through the

energy of the construct and the energy of the object at the same time, like sewing. You can also create the construct inside of the object as opposed to out, and weave it in as you're creating it.

Linking:

You probably learned about links while learning about telepathy. Well, this may shock you, but links aren't only for a telepathic connection! A quick and simple way to bind a construct is to simply link it to an object. The link acts as a rope, and tethers the construct to the object. Create a construct, and make a link out from it. This can be done while the construct is outside or inside of the object, but outside may be easier to comprehend at first. Now remember, you don't want to link to the object, but the objects underlying energetic structure. So, after linking to the objects structure however you feel comfortable with, you're going to want to tighten the link so the construct doesn't wander away. Note that it's also possible to link two construct/objects together, which could spawn "telepathy rings" or something of the sort.

"Vacuum":

Now, this method is the one I use the most because of numerous reasons. I call it the "Vacuum" technique. When you put your hands together in water and pull them apart quickly, it creates a vacuum that instantly fills the space with the surrounding water. The same principle works with psi. Make a basic empty shell. (Weaving also helps this because weaves expand and contract easier; this has to do with it being more malleable than normal lumps of psi) Program this shell to let energy in, but not out. Now, here's the fun part: slowly expand the shell; it will draw energy from the surrounding air. If the shell gets too big, you can make the shell smaller and compact the energy, and expand it again. What does this have to do with sticking it to an object? If this is done with the shell around an object, it literally pounds the energy into the object. I like this method because not only does it stick it to the object, it gets a bunch of energy for the meaty part of the construct as well. You may want to clean the energy drawn in of all programming, as it's random energy from the environment you're harnessing. This principle works simply because as the shell is moving out with no energy, the shell pushes energy outside out, but creates an imbalance because there's energyless space inside the shell. As nature tends to correct imbalances, the psi from the outside is drawn inside to balance the equation.

Feel free to edit and hopefully improve on these techniques. Some things work for some, while not for others. Now you have a few nudges on the path to binding constructs to random objects. You should have no trouble thinking of things to do with it, as the sky is the limit.

~Shadowwarrior13

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I would like to address a number of serious missteps that I have seen taken by a significant portion of psi practitioners. These comments are not intended to ridicule any practitioners, and they are not intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable or inadequate. I do however believe that they need to be explicitly discussed so that we become more aware of the problems with these approaches. It is my hope that with sufficient awareness, these problematic approaches will move out of prominence.

Aiming for Feelings

I recently read an article on another prominent site, which detailed the following instructions for making a psiball (simplified in my own wording):

1. Trace a pattern on the palm of your hand using your other finger, and remember the physical sensation.
2. Attempt to feel the physical sensation again without touching your hand.
3. Put your hands near each other and attempt to feel a physical sensation in the palms of your hands.
4. If you succeed, this is a psiball???

This is not just an ineffective technique, but a dangerously counterproductive training technique which could serve to set back your progress in psi. It is however a representative example of a more general error.

In the above technique, the practitioner is encouraged to emulate a physical sensation in the brain. In other words, the practitioner is encouraged to create a sensation which has no cause. In essence, this technique teaches the practitioner to actively induce

analytical overlay, and then mislabel this analytical overlay as "psi".

The goal when learning psi should never be to simulate a physical sensation. This is most likely to teach you little more than how to simulate physical sensations within the brain through ordinary and classical means.

The Use of Hands

It is most unfortunate that many articles purporting to teach kinesis do so by encouraging the reader to put his or her hands next to the kinesis target. This is particularly pervasive among articles which instruct people to use a psiwheel, is also present in articles on kinetizing a straw, and I even noticed it recently (and astonishingly) in an article on kinetizing a flame. In all three of these cases, and indeed in nearly every other case, this is an extremely counterproductive approach.

First it needs to be emphasized that in no way, shape, or form, does psi require or utilize the hands in the performance of kinesis. Yet there exist countless articles proposing this as a primary training technique. The problem arises due to the fact that every one of the above mentioned targets will sometimes move through entirely ordinary and classical means simply from the physical presence of a hand. This results in a large number of false positives, where the practitioner comes to believe kinesis has been successfully performed because motion was observed, when in actuality none has occurred.

This causes a number of practitioners to erroneously believe that the mental rituals they perform while observing this motion are functional approaches to kinesis. Then when they attempt to use these techniques on other targets, or when their hands are a significant distance away from the targets, they find that they can no longer get their abilities to "work". The unfortunate truth is that a number of these people have failed to properly develop control over their ability in the first place, because they trained with a misleading technique.

So in summary, never ever use your hands. Psi works equally well across any distance, so use this to your advantage and sit far enough away from your target that the feedback you receive during your kinesis practice is accurate.

Suggestive Scanning

The drive is often there among practitioners to confirm their abilities with feedback from others. Unfortunately, this is sometimes done in very wrong ways. One approach which has become prominent is the method of suggestive scanning. This method is usually undertaken innocently, and often yields erroneous results. The dialog often goes something like this:

(Alice) I've been working on psiballs, but I'm not sure if I got it working right. Can someone scan in front of me and see?

(Bob) Sure, I will.

(Alice) Thanks, Bob.

(Bob) Hmm, it seems you do have a psiball in front of you, but it's a little weak. Try to put more energy in it.

(Alice) Will do, thanks.

Another unfortunately common example goes like the following:

(Alice) I don't feel so well. Can someone scan me to see if there are any connections to me?

(Bob) Yeah, I can try.

(Alice) Thanks, Bob.

(Bob) Hmm. I see a few entities attached to you that seem to be draining your energy.

(Alice) Yeah, I thought it was something like that. I just wanted to check.

In both examples, both Alice and Bob have good intentions, but because of the way they are interacting they are actively leading each other astray. The problem begins because Alice's initial comments are strongly suggestive of the desired or expected answer. Even though Bob's intention is to be entirely honest, Bob's subconscious is automatically primed with those suggestions to yield the expected answer as analytical overlay. This gives a high probability to "break" Bob's ability to scan, and he must engage in significant steps to attempt to overcome this analytical overlay.

Unfortunately, this form of suggestive scanning is often used by people to "confirm" the accuracy of their own sensing abilities, or to "confirm" the validity of their own construct creation abilities. This yields so many false positives, that practitioners using this approach will build up a false confidence in an internal method they are using which is not actually valid. Then when the practitioner attempts to use psi for practical purposes, the abilities which he or she thought were mastered are suddenly found to be ineffective.

It can take some time to unlearn approaches to psi which have become habitual due to false feedback received in this manner, so it is strongly recommended that suggestive scanning should never be used for feedback. If you solicit confirmation via scanning, it should always be from someone who has no idea and has received no hint (no matter how subtle) regarding what you expect to be there. This is a minimal requirement which should always be met when considering a scanning result for feedback purposes.

So How SHOULD You Practice Psi?

There are many legitimate ways to practice psi and advance to competent skill levels. But there is one aspect which should be central to any psion's practice schedule: Accurate feedback through objective external means.

Feedback is the golden key which allows you to adjust and improve the internal aspects of your technique, which in turn improves your accuracy and control. Since feedback is central to improvement in practice, the accuracy of this feedback is central to making sure the changes you make are in the direction of improvement. The best way to make sure feedback is accurate is to make sure it is objective (either a result is correct or incorrect, and it is clearly observable whether this is the case), and to make sure that the feedback is external.

There are times in the performance of psi when you must proceed forward with only your own scanning ability as internal feedback to guide you, but it is important that you continually tune and improve this scanning ability by using external feedback from sources outside of yourself which are not subject to your own expectations. This is the means by which you can establish and maintain legitimate confidence in the use of your own scanning ability during the performance of psi.

So remember, avoid techniques and behaviors which are potentially plagued with false positives, and instead fill your practice schedule with techniques which yield accurate feedback through objective external means.

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

I'd like to add some things with regards to the "scanning" aspect.

Such mistakes I feel are the most common, and relate to all forms of psychic discipline. People create false expectations, or lead others into doing the same, be it unintentional or purposely.

In my experience, be it with a client or friend, I make sure the third party is aware that divulging personal details without request will break the "connection". As an example, I might get asked "Is my boyfriend cheating on me?" Naturally, this statement opens the door to cold reading and simple deduction -- by virtue of the expectation, one can say

that person already HAS reasons for their suspicion, further both parties will engage in an emotionally driven session based on those expectations.

When you wish to practise telepathy, or what have you, the other person should be blind to what you really expect. You and your partner should be somewhat general with your requests. More productive lines of asking would be, "Tell me what you see with regards to my [relationship]..." or whichever the desired target may be.

Playing "shapes and colors" should be "playing guess what I have in mind."

Psychic abilities are profound, and have profound effects. Both parties must realize that the objective should not be limited by linear parameters -- keep the lines of understanding opened and honest. If you do not see/feel something that seems to fit, then do not force it into your own idea of what that should be, but work to assert its nature: imagined or psychic.

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July 29, 2006, 07:34:47 AMReply #2

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Is it possible that people fake the sensation? Yes, absolutely. Which is why I linked to my article on how to verify your psi ball at the end of the article. Can you give me a psi ball technique that doesn't have room for analytical overlay? No - because the fact that you are already telling me the technique is for making a psi ball will frontload me.

It's just a beginner article. If that's the only thing you can find on PsiPog that you disagree with, then I consider that pretty good out of the 80+ articles we have on the site.

EDIT: I can't find any psi ball articles on this site (except for Skywind's). Do you have a link to the technique you use?

~Sean

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

Robert Bruce admittedly has no educational background in energy work -- he says he made up everything, as he goes along. His exact words were "I have no education in [energy work]. I figured it out for myself." Which brings into question his understanding of things like analytical overlay and psychosomatic effects.

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July 29, 2006, 10:36:26 AMReply #4

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

(edit galore!)

"making stuff up" and "figuring stuff out" are two different things. don't mix them.

I never had formal education in qi gong for the first about five years that i practiced it,

yet i consistently achieved greater repeatable results than most people here have claimed during their practices. book learning don't amount to shit compared to actual daily practices. in fact, now that i've been doing a ton of reading for the past almost five years my achievements have waned considerably, my capabilities have dropped substantially, and my experiences are much more infrequent than the daily they used to be. so what "education", exactly, should mr bruce, or anyone, have before they're "allowed" to teach others how to feel and use energy?

(for the record, this was written after our discussion in the chat. shadowwarrior finally quoted for me stuff from bruce's book which is dangerous, but that weren't energy work. it was ritual work. like fumigating a room with sulphur. that's hardly energy work, so the lack of education in energy work here can hardly be blamed as it's a lacking of education in chemistry that's proving dangerous.)

also for the record, while the tactile thing is useful for helping people become more introspective (not introverted), i do believe it's a mere beginner technique and should be dropped quickly in one's studies in favour of better things. and external results are always better than internal ones, since external ones give real proof whereas internal ones give mere beliefs. *wonders if i'm done with the disclaimers or if someone's gonna flame me anyway*

~kakkarot

PS and to quick-reply to peeps, "we don't do energy balls here anymore". ^_^

Last edit, I swear: after seeing a bunch of stuff shadowwarrior talked about from bruce's psychic self-defense book, i will finally agree that he's not a great source for information. *stabs solstice* but that don't mean i like you :P

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Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

The only thing that using physical feelings in accordance with energy does is create an unnecessary system of biofeedback in replacement of actual energy work. There are, not arguably, better methods.

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<@kobok> And if you push hard enough, you can shove quite a lot into a chicken.

<@Trowa> When someone told him to jump off a cliff, he argued the semantic meanings of "jump" and "cliff", and then proceeded to do just that.

July 29, 2006, 11:34:37 AM Reply #6

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I've noticed they have grown popular recently. That's why I have posted an article against such methods.

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The Skywind technique for psiballs is not a flawless technique, and many people who have attempted it have encountered analytical overlay as a result. But the Skywind technique has a significant benefit in that the description focuses explicitly on the energetic process of forming a psiball, after an admittedly brief introduction to energy manipulation. The psiball method critiqued above in the article, however, is enormously counterproductive. It emphasizes the pretending or emulation of a physical sensation AS the process, and so the most likely result in this case is that the student will achieve what he or she was working on, which is the pretending or emulation of a physical sensation. This is not energy manipulation.

I also teach a technique for forming psiballs, but currently it is only located within the psi course as it requires material to be studied in sequence. Like Skywind it focuses on the energetic process for forming a psiball, but in contrast, it is not brought up until around the 11th lesson, by which point the students have already become quite familiar with the process of controlling psi. That way the energetic process can be described in explicit detail, and the psiball can be formed using known and verified techniques and skills. This is the type of process I refer to in the above article when I mention that sometimes internal feedback must be used temporarily, but it should be done using skills that have been verified with external feedback.

We all need to start adapting our teaching techniques to new orderings and methods like this, so we can reap the benefits of genuine base skills developed with feedback.

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shrugs

You could literally pick any article on psionics, on any website, and disagree with it and post a counter-article about why something in it is wrong. Psionics is a very large field of highly debatable and subjective ideas... to pretend that you have some ultimate answer and training method is just silly. My question is why you would specifically

choose one of the newest articles on PsiPog to attack? It's a popular technique, that produces results, and is easy for beginners to get started with. It's documented by Robert Bruce, who even though some of you might disagree with him, at the very least you have to admit he has achieved a high level of success in the field of teaching people about energy manipulation. PsiPog is known for it's stance on healthy skepticism, and it's something we constantly pound into our visitors' heads - and my new psi ball article links directly to another article I wrote on how to confirm you've made a psi ball. So what exactly are you complaining about? We aren't skeptic enough? The technique isn't popular enough? The order in which we teach things isn't structured enough?

What is the real issue here? Honestly, this looks like you just randomly grabbed one of the new articles, and decided to label it as "wrong". Then you create a few reasons on why this article should be labelled as wrong, and you can pass off your ideas because psionics is such a highly debatable field to begin with. You don't have all the answers... and neither do I. No one has psionics figured out - including me, you, and even Robert Bruce. I'm glad you think your personal training methods are wonderful - perhaps they are, I don't know, I guess I don't have accesss to them. Just because your methods work doesn't mean everything else is therefore wrong.

~Sean

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July 29, 2006, 09:04:00 PMReply #8

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

im certain kakarrot meant fabrication(as in hoax/false) when stating "make things up", and the more obvious "figured out" refers to development without prior knowledge. everyone knows thats every form of knowledge be it spiritual or conceptual started by exploring the unknown. [edit] i swear somone countered against kakorrot??

im sorry my first post has to be of this nature, and i hope to clear my name in the future...but

i have some issues with your article. i truly appreciate your and others efforts to save those from a path of failure(the reason i keep comin back to this site, been lurking for about few months). Robert Bruce's and peebrain rendition toward psballs is clearly for those without sight or knowledge, it still has some clarity that it offers. it instills belief into

the practitioner, with practice that belief will be replaced by knowledge, and so forth. i know im preaching to the choir, but doubt deffies all effort.

personally i prefer useing hands to perform techniques. now i know that the hands themselfe do not assst my progress,but(i choose)its part of a process that is subconscious reinforcement.

as for scanning eh... dont care for it and make every attempt to prevent being scanned "there can be only one"

joking aside.....when people start defining do's and dont's the real reason we practice(truth) becomes choked and sometimes lost.

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

Quote from: peebrain on July 29, 2006, 08:47:38 PM

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I didn't mention you or psipog by name in the above article, because what I'm critiquing is the method. And as I said at the very beginning, "These comments are not intended to ridicule any practitioners, and they are not intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable or inadequate." So no, my intentions are not personal. My point is simply that we as a global community need to start using better methods.

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In principle, yes, you did link to "How to Measure/Verify Your Skills". But if we look carefully at the methods proposed in there for measuring and verifying skills, there are some problems. The first method you propose for people to use for verification is exactly like the suggestive scanning I was talking about. (The "Ask someone else if they can feel it" method.) This is quite likely to yield the same false feedback problem as the initial technique. The second method of sending shapes and textures is much more reasonable. This can serve as a good example of objective external feedback.

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Quote from: _glyph

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I certainly appreciate the temporary contribution to confidence that false feedback can yield, but unfortunately, this confidence tends to be somewhat transitory when the feedback is false. Ultimately a psion needs to learn to intentionally control his or her own expectations and confidence. I consider this so essential to psi that I think practice of this should always precede things like the practice of psiballs.

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

Did someone delete my response? Kakkarot, I did reply to you, but I no longer see it.

In summery:

If I taught myself to drive a car, does this not mean that I made up the instructions?

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Since you admit to being aware that Mr. Bruce has flaws, then would it be wise to base something so intristic on his wrecklessness?

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

Quote from: kobok on July 29, 2006, 10:41:27 PM

I've spoken with Robert Bruce before. I enjoyed discussing with him, and he seemed like a nice guy with some interesting spiritual insights, but he's no oracle of omniscience.

Where did I say he was an "oracle of omniscience"? Please, read what I said. And since when do you need to be an "oracle of omniscience" to create a useful technique?

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I notice you have a hard time understanding how extreme something is. If a technique COULD produce false results, you proclaim that it DOES produce false results. If a logical check COULD produce false feedback, then you proclaim it is "quite likely" to produce false feedback. Robert Bruce might have some insight, but he isn't an "oracle of science". Why are you so intent on speaking of such extremes? Techniques don't need to be perfectly orchestrated training systems to produce results. People don't need airtight scientific protocols for verifying their skills for themselves. People don't need to be oracles of science to create something useful.

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just the brain imagining a sensation.

Taking one quote out of context and isolating it all on it's own, then it might produce false results. But that's why there is an entire article and website backing it up.

This entire argument is just silly... I can take a quote out of any psionic article and ridicule it. For example, Skywind writes: "Picture the energy flowing from your body, through your arms, and out through your hands." Well picturing energy is a good way to induce false sensations in the body... so her technique must always produce false results. Do you see how silly that sounds?

Quote from: solstice

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Yes, Robert Bruce has flaws. Every human has flaws. Can you point me in the direction of the oracle of science who lurks on these forums that is without any flaws? For some reason you guys seem to think someone must have these traits to have useful ideas about energy manipulation.

~Sean

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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

There's no need for any of this to be taken personally, and most certainly none of it was written as an attack against any site or author. I thoroughly enjoy PsiPog, for one, and I thought Astral Dynamics by Robert Bruce was an interesting read. What Kobok is focusing on are particular techniques that have a definite potential to produce false results; this does not mean that 10 out of 10 times they most certainly will. What Kobok is advocating is a desired shift from relying on such things as sensory hallucination to using other mechanisms to confirm your progress. which is certainly not a bad idea. On the other hand, using a training of the senses to produce a desired

result is not of itself a particularly bad approach either; in Kobok's view it is simply not a desirable one.

As a thought however, the belief that the ability of a man to produce some quantity of written pages, and then via a publishing company have those pages bound together and released as a coherent book, is an intrinsically false one. I could sit down right now and release two, maybe even three books regarding why the Earth is in fact the center of the universe, and the Sun is only a patch of gas being reflected from Venus and magnified by our atmosphere; unfortunately, absolutely none of it would be correct. Regardless, I'm sure in a matter of time I would amass a few followers in this belief. Like Kobok, I've spoken to Robert Bruce on a few occasions. He is a nice guy, and he certainly understands how to Astral Project, but I pray that his understanding of psionics is better than his understanding of hermetic science; something particularly alarming, as when I talked to him he was entertaining the idea of opening a hermetic lodge.

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I agree that publishing something doesn't automatically make you an expert, or anything like that. But if I had to choose between a guy on the internet with a website (i.e., me), or a guy that claims to have 30 years experience and a few published books on the subject (i.e., Robert Bruce), then I would be more inclined to be drawn towards the published person. I'm not saying it's a rule that all published authors are 100% trustworthy (as I stated before, there are things that I disagree with Bruce about), I'm just saying it's a pretty good indication that he might have SOME clue to what he's talking about.

Anyways. There isn't much more I can say without being redundant. If Kobok has some great techniques, I would like to see them posted publically, but if not oh well. See ya.

~Sean
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Re: How to NOT Practice Psi

Why would you be more inclined, if you agree that publication does not denote expertise?

Someone on the Internet (like you) can make the exact same claims.

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PsiLink is a php script I wrote which can be used to practice both kinesis and precognition. You will be given an opportunity to focus, during which you can either

attempt to predict the next image shown, or attempt influence the next image shown. The six targets were selected to be conceptually strong, while also being conceptually disjoint. The goal was to have targets which are conceptually familiar to most people, but yet are significantly unrelated to each other. This should maximize your ability to interact with these targets using psi.

The difference between using PsiLink for kinesis or for precognition is decided by the intent you choose while practicing with it. If you wish to practice kinesis, you should choose one of the images at the beginning, and stick with that image throughout your practice session. For more information on the specifics of performing kinesis, read this article.

If you wish to practice precognition, you should use the focus time period to enter a deep meditative state and clear your thoughts. You should be certain that your mind is clear, open, and receptive. You want to have no lingering expectations regarding the outcome, because the goal is to receive the outcome rather than to influence it. Rather than actively exerting an inner expectation, the goal with precognition is to passively trust that the image will come to you as planned without forcing.

The results are randomly selected from one of the six images. The randomness is sourced from /dev/urandom, which continually reseeds itself using a true random number source which uses a hash of microsecond interrupt timings.

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“I am not this hair, I am not this skin, I am the soul that lives within.”

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Interesting practice tool. Any chance of a downloadable version for offline entertainment?

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"This life's dim windows of the soul
Distorts the heavens from pole to pole
And leads you to believe a lie
When you see with, not through, the eye."

-William Blake

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It requires a web server with php running on Linux. It would have to be completely rewritten for use without a web server, and use in Windows would be an added difficulty due to the lack of an intrinsic source of true randomness in the OS. (Well, except for the crashing, which often appears random. ;)) But if anyone with the requisite skills feels like writing an offline version, send me a private message and I will advise on the important requirements.

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The following exercise was converted from a spontaneous telepathy clinic that was held one day. This exercise will help you practice telepathic transmission of a full sensory experience, and give you experience linking with a partner and discerning truth from analytical overlay. If you get something wrong, clear your mind more, drop deeper into a meditative state, and try again.

For this exercise you will need two people, and you will attempt to tell each other a story via telepathy.

So first, some basics. You will choose a receiver and a sender from your pair, and then switch each time.

You should join a chatroom with just the two of you in it, and perform the exercise in there.

First you will both begin with 5 minutes of meditation. For this meditation, you will both have the telepathy chatroom as the only window open on your computer, and you will both stare at the computer screen for 5 minutes, focusing only on the nick of your partner.

Then the receiver will begin by relaxing and clearing the mind, being open to input from the partner and simply waiting for it to be received.

As receiver, take note of all things you receive and all impressions you get. The goal of this exercise is to notice how impressions "feel" when they are correct, and how they "feel" when they are not.

The sender will choose a short event from his or her own life or past to tell the receiver. The sender will then focus on that event, recall it in fullness, including any images, sounds, smells, and emotions associated with that event, and allow the full experience to fill the sender completely. It can be as simple as standing at a cliff watching a sunset, or going to your cousin's birthday party with a bunch of screaming kids roller skating around, etc.

When the sender has transmitted the event for a time, about 3 minutes, repeating several times if there is a sequence of events, then the sender should type, "Okay, I'm done."

After the sender is completely finished, the receiver should describe what he or she saw, while the sender waits silently watching the description. Then when the receiver is done describing what was perceived, the sender will describe what the event actually was.

You can discuss the results for a minute or so if necessary, and then switch to the opposite roles. You should try this exercise several times in a row with the same partner, in order to thoroughly practice connecting and exchanging information with a particular person.

Best of luck, and keep practicing!

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sounds good have to try it

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A friend of mine and I tried this. It worked. We got pretty close on every try... And we are going to try again tomorrow. :D We loved it!!

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Regards

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I'm gunna try that tomorrow, sounds good.

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This actually worked! me and a friend from a chatroom are in dif countries (can & us) and he tried to send a sad feeling when someone left but also couldnt get the thought of

when he went to the beach with family members. so guess what i got! i saw myself laying on the beach but really sad and lonely for some reason! it was a kinda cool slipup! ^ _ ^

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1. Introduction

Self hypnosis is a subject of great interest to anyone with pursuits in metaphysics, or anyone who wishes to change something about themselves. Self hypnosis is the act of hypnotizing oneself and then implanting a self-suggestion into the subconscious for a desired reason or purpose. Hypnosis is defined as such:

hyp·no·sis (hip-no'sis) Pronunciation Key

n. pl. hyp·no·ses (-sez)

1. An artificially induced altered state of consciousness, characterized by heightened

suggestibility and receptivity to direction.

2. Hypnotism.

3. A sleeplike condition.

(Dictionary.com)

For the case of this essay, we'll consider definition (1) above to be most relevant.

Hypnosis, then, is artificially induced altered state of consciousness, characterized by heightened suggestibility and receptivity to direction.

Why would anyone desire to hypnotize themselves? Why not go to a hypnotherapist and have somebody else hypnotize you? These questions are valid, and very relevant.

Hypnotizing oneself in and of itself is simply a way of meditating into a trance state. It is the suggestions made during hypnosis, implanted into the individuals' subconscious, that have the capacity to cause change. Therefore, it could be said that hypnosis alone is simply a form of meditation, while subconscious suggestion is the real goal of the individual's pursuit of self-hypnosis. The suggestions made must therefore be realistically attainable and relevant to the individual themselves. Only you can cause change to yourself.

Getting hypnotized by someone else is not an easy task. First, you must find a decent hypnotherapist or psychotherapist that is willing to hypnotize you for a reason. Depending on where you live and what your schedule is like, this may not be a very easy goal to pursue. Second, you'll have to pay the hypnotherapist a great deal of money to help you, usually on multiple occasions over multiple sessions of hypnotherapy. This may not be possible either. Third, and perhaps most important, you must trust the hypnotherapist enough to allow them to hypnotize you! The mind can be rather unwilling to let go of itself at times, moreso when someone else is in charge of the operation. All of these reasons point towards attempting hypnosis yourself, instead of going to a hypnotherapist.

Self hypnosis is an interesting pursuit, and a useful method of changing yourself in accordance with your will.

2. Overview of Self Hypnosis

Self hypnosis is comprised of four stages. These stages are relaxation, deepening relaxation through meditation, suggestion, and termination.

Relaxation is the fundamental gateway to implanting a suggestion in the subconscious. In order for self-hypnosis to work, you must be fully relaxed and unaware of what is occurring around you. Relaxation involves finding a place you are comfortable with, lying down or sitting in your favorite chair, and making sure nobody else can disturb you while you practice. Relaxation is also the time to prepare a suggestion.

Deepening relaxation involves utilizing meditation techniques to more fully relax the body, and open the subconscious mind to suggestion. Until you reach a certain state of

relaxation, your mind has safeguards, or barriers in place that hide the subconscious mind from the conscious mind. It is the goal of deepening relaxation to bypass these barriers and allow the conscious mind to access the subconscious, and implant a suggestion for change.

Suggestion involves reciting self-affirmations in a prefabricated manner to yourself out loud in order to firmly plant the idea in the subconscious mind while in a fully relaxed, hypnotized state.

Termination is simply ending the self-hypnosis induction session and returning the mind to a normal state of waking consciousness.

3. Self-Affirmation and Relaxation

Preparing a suggestion is probably the most important part of self-hypnosis. It is the manner in which you word your suggestion that is most important. The subconscious will not respond to negative thoughts very well, or any thought that can endanger yourself or someone you care about. Therefore, one must be very careful, thorough, and elaborate in wording a self-suggestion.

Additionally, the suggestion you make must be realistic and attainable through one's own actions. Suggestions like "My boss will not hassle me", "I can physically fly", "My mom won't ask me to clean the house", "I want some blear", etc will accomplish absolutely nothing, because they are unrealistic and unattainable in reality through the direct work of your subconscious.

For example, let's say that the goal of a self-hypnosis session you undertake is to implant the suggestion to be a positive and more giving person. This is a laudable goal, however the suggestion you come up with is as follows:

1. "I will not be a mean person any more."

This suggestion is not an adequate suggestion, because it contains negativity in the form of the word "not". Your subconscious mind is very good at doing things mentally, it is like your mental autopilot throughout the day. However, this suggestion would be very unlikely to even reach the subconscious mind, and the subconscious mind may not accept it. A better suggestion follows:

2. "I will be a happy and caring person towards everyone I encounter."

This suggestion is much better! As you can see, it is entirely positive. It is also much more complete. Suggestion [1] uses the term "any more", which is very vague and nondescript. Your subconscious would have a tough time accepting something so indefinite and unclear. In suggestion [2], essentially the same self-affirmation is made as in suggestion [1]. We can easily see the similarities between the two. However, suggestion [2] is preferred because it is much more clear and verbose. Preparing a

statement in these terms is the first step towards self-hypnosis: you must have a clear goal and well-worded self-affirmation before you can begin to hypnotize yourself.

It should be noted that when working with self-affirmations, you should never phrase things in an indirect manner. Using the word "you" instead of the word "I" is a big mistake; the individual will must be made apparent. For example-

"You are a happy and caring individual."

In keeping with the two suggestions above, the above suggestion illustrates another ineffective self-affirmation. It is ineffective because it is made from the standpoint of someone talking to you, and you are going to be saying the affirmation to yourself. Hopefully, the reason this isn't very effective is apparent.

Here are a few ideas for self-affirmation- first, a common, erroneous self-affirmation and second, a revised, acceptable self-affirmation.

1a. I do not desire to smoke.

1b. I will quit smoking cigarettes.

2a. I am not an angry person anymore.

2b. I will let go of my anger towards other people.

3a. You will be bigger physically.

3b. I will work out four times a week.

4a. You are not a sad person at all.

4b. I will be as happy as I can be.

5a. I will not be a hectic, chaotic person today.

5b. I am calm and relaxed.

As you can see, the (a) affirmations are generally unacceptable and implausible, while the (b) affirmations are good examples.

When you have an acceptable goal, and a self-affirmation in mind, write down the self-affirmation for the coming induction session in a notebook or on a piece of paper. Take this with you to the location of your choice for the session.

In choosing a location to begin relaxation in, it is wise to pick a place that you are familiar with. It should be a calm, relaxing location without any kind of outside noise or interference that may distract you from your goal of relaxation. An ideal place to practice relaxation is in your bed, lying flat on your back, or perhaps in your favorite chair.

As you lay or sit down, make sure you have your affirmation within reaching distance. You'll need this later, after you deepen relaxation and move to hypnotic self-suggestion. Begin by closing your eyes and breathing deep, in through the nose and out through the

mouth. Allow your lungs to fill completely with air, and notice the sensations this causes in your body and mind, but do not become overly attached to the feelings that develop. Exhale, and feel the tension in your body melt away. Practice this for about 10 minutes.

4. Meditation

Now that you have a self-affirmation and you've begun to relax in your favorite place, it is time to deepen the trance state and move from relaxation to hypnosis. I have presented two techniques to deepen the degree of relaxation in the individual. It is up to the practitioner to determine which they would rather use, and one technique may work better than the other depending on the individual. For the best effects, it is recommended to practice both of these exercises in order: first do progressive muscle relaxation, then the countdown meditation, and at the conclusion of both of them most individuals will be adequately hypnotized and ready for hypnotic suggestion.

4a. Jacobson Progressive Muscle Relaxation

This technique was taught to me at a young age by Dr. Daryld Hanusa, PHD. It is a method of progressively relaxing the muscles in the entire body so as to achieve a calm state overall.

Begin by continuing to breath deeply. In through the nose, out through the mouth. We're going to start relaxing the muscles in the body bit by bit, from the toes to the head. Take a deep breath, and physically TENSE the muscles in the feet and calves. Try and make a fist out of your feet and hold this tension for a count of one to ten internally, then relax the muscles and exhale. Repeat to yourself internally, "I am calm and relaxed".

Moving on, we come to the thighs and groin area. Take a deep breath and physically tense the buttocks, thighs, and lower stomach. Hold this tension for the count of one to ten internally, and relax and exhale. Feel all the tension in these areas melt away, and once again repeat to yourself internally, "I am calm and relaxed".

Next, focus on the abs, chest, upper back and arms. Take a deep breath and physically tense your whole upper body, including the arms. Make fists with your hands and tense them too. Hold this tension for an internal count from one to ten, then relax and exhale. "I am calm and relaxed".

Finally, focus on the face and neck. Inhale deeply and tense the muscles in your neck and upper back, while shutting your eyes tightly and tensing the muscles in your face. Hold this tension for ten seconds and exhale, "I am calm and relaxed."

At the end of this regimen, you should feel very calm and relaxed. Close your eyes, and breath deeply. Inhale, exhale. Relax.

4b. Countdown Meditation I

This technique involves countdown backwards from 100 and using a mantra (yoga power word) to deepen hypnosis.

The mantra we are using is very ancient, and comes from mantrayoga, literally "devotion through words" in sanskrit, an ancient language from East India. The mantra word is "hamsa". Pronounced "hahm-sah", this word translates to a few different things, most notably "I am" or "swan". In hinduism, a swan is said to have ultimate viveka, or spiritual discrimination, as in the ability to tell fact from fiction, reality from delusion, and separate oil from water perfectly. For the purposes of self-hypnosis, this information is irrelevant, but I feel it is only fair to provide a meaning to a word that will be repeated a lot in practice.

Anyway, now that we have our mantra, it is time to begin deepening relaxation to eventual hypnosis. Laying on your back or sitting in your favorite chair, continue to breath deeply. Pay attention to the cycle of inhalation and exhalation and try and extend your breaths for as long as possible.

Next, on each inhalation repeat internally "ham", and on each exhalation repeat internally "sa". Breath in, "hahm"- breath out, "sah". Not only does this relax the body and mind, but spiritually you are affirming your own existance in sanskrit, a very ancient language. Concentrate on relaxing, and allow the repetition of the mantra to occur naturally, with each breath. If your thoughts begin to wander, pull your attention back to the mantra, hamsa. "No self, only breath."

After you feel comfortable breathing and repeating the mantra, you will begin to countdown backwards from 100 internally inbetween repetitions of the mantra, like so:

"Ham....Sa.....100. Ham....Sa.....99. Ham....Sa.....98. Ham....Sa.....97."

Continue counting down from 100 with each breath. Eventually, you may just forget what number you are on. If you are a visual person, you can even visualize yourself taking steps down a staircase or going down rungs of a ladder with each numeral in the countdown. This exercise can continue until you get to 0, or otherwise forget what numeral you are on.

4c. Countdown Meditation II

For some people, the method above may not work very well. Some people have trouble grasping the idea of a mantra, and others may not want to use a mantra because of preexisting religious beliefs against such practices. This is understandable, and perfectly fine, so I've included an alternative countdown meditation excluding a mantra.

Laying or sitting down, breath in deep through the nose and out through the mouth. Picture in your head in big, block numbers the numeral "10". The number can be in whatever typeface or color you desire. Take a deep breath in, and a deep breath out, and see this number "10" become the number "9". Repeat this until you arrive at the number "1". After you get to "1", breath in and exhale and affirm to yourself "I am hypnotized" mentally.

This method can be repeated, starting at 10, until you notice the symptoms of hypnosis

below.

4d. Affirming Hypnosis

How does one tell when one is fully hypnotized? There are a few different sensations that are key in determining whether or not you are ready to move to the suggestion phase.

- Flashing patterns of light on the inner eyelids, called "neural discharges"
- A feeling of warmth all over the body, called "internal heat"
- Feelings of very deep relaxation
- The inability to physically move: you try and move your body and find difficulty in doing so. This one is a big sign of a hypnotized state.
- A feeling of distance from one's normal mindstate. Less thoughts occurring than normal. Difficulty forming thoughts normally, as there is "nothing to think about".
- A strong feeling of connectedness with all things energetically.
- A loss of bodily awareness, or a blurry feeling of bodily awareness. If you cannot feel your body very well, and instead feel a buzzing vibration or sense of energetic consciousness, you are likely fully hypnotic.

5. Suggestion

Now that you are fully hypnotized through progressive muscle relaxation, countdown meditation, or both, it is time to implant the self-affirmation you came up with in section [3]. As I recommended, it is in a notebook near you. Hopefully, you can remember the self affirmation on your own; it is not recommended to move physically when hypnotized, for fear of losing the hypnotic state. However, if you cannot remember the suggestion, look at your notebook or paper and read it now.

What you want to do is repeat the suggestion internally, in it's entirety, ten times. After you have done this, speak your suggestion aloud, putting emphasis on anything dealing with the ego. For example, if your suggestion was "I will be a happy person", you would say it aloud:

"I will be a happy person."

It is important to emphasize "I will" because this will allow the rest of the affirmation to enter your subconscious thought. Repeat your affirmation aloud three times, getting progressively more forceful in emphasis on the entire affirmation. This progressive overemphasis of a single idea serves to cement the affirmation in your subconscious mind permanently.

After speaking the self-affirmation aloud, proceed to repeat it internally as much as you feel is necessary. Eventually, you will feel as if the affirmation is a part of you; this is when it is fully implanted. Use the affirmation as you would use the "hamsa" mantra, with your breath.

Breath in, breath out. "I will be a happy person." Breath in, breath out. "I will be a happy person".

That is it for suggestion; a great deal of the suggestion section was covered in "3. Self-Affirmation and Relaxation", in preparing a self affirmation. Now that you've implanted it, we are finished with the hypnosis.

6. Termination

Terminating the self-hypnotic state is a method of working your way back to consciousness gradually. You don't want to just get up suddenly and start going about the rest of your day after you've hypnotized yourself; you want to "unhypnotize" yourself first, so to speak.

Begin by breathing deeply. In through the nose, out through the mouth. Take deep, slow breaths, as you have been doing if you've followed the rest of this essay. Say to yourself internally:

"I am going to count to 10, and when I reach the number 10 I will be fully awake, conscious and ready to go about the rest of my day normally."

Start at 1, and visualize the number 1 in big, bold type in your mind's eye. Breath in deeply and exhale. Now say to yourself:

"I am awake."

Next, see the number "2" in your mind's eye. Breath in, breath out, and repeat to yourself again: "I am awake." Repeat this for the numerals three to ten. When you reach the number ten, open your eyes slowly.

Move your head and neck around a bit, and take another deep breath. Next, move your upper body and arms a bit, and take another deep breath. Now, move your abdomen and legs a bit, and take another deep, cleansing breath. Finally, if you were laying down, sit up in your bed. If you were sitting in an easy chair, stand up. Forget about what you did, and get rid of the piece of paper with the affirmation on it; reading the affirmation again or dwelling on it will impede it's lasting effect on your subconscious.

You may want to stretch your body physically or get a glass of water before resuming your daily activity.

7. Conclusion

This concludes my treatise on the practice of self-hypnosis. I sincerely hope this method helps you make positive change in your life through self-affirmation and meditation. Please realize that it may take multiple sessions of self-hypnosis with the same affirmation to fully implant the suggestion; it may take a few weeks to several months for you to notice any lasting effect. It really depends on what you seek to change about yourself, and you can also take steps to change yourself in accord with your self-hypnosis practice in daily life.

Self hypnosis is not magic. You must work to achieve your goals, whatever they are, no matter what. However, self hypnosis is an interesting and relevant pursuit, and when applied correctly the results are undeniably powerful. You can change any aspect of yourself that you dislike very easily with this method. I hope it works for you as well as it has for me.

Good health and training.

-Koujiryuu, 12/17/06

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I've only briefly skimmed through it so far, but I was wondering your opinion on the idea of past/future tenses when forming the affirmation? Ie, "I will be a happy and caring person" compared to "I am a happy and caring person". Have you had any experiences with one being more effective then the other, are they the same, or are you unsure on this point?

Anyway, besides that, I don't have a whole lot to say. I'm hesitant to make a general comment about the overall article until I've read it all in more detail; but so far it looks good. Informative, but concise. Seems to be nice.

Oh, one other problem though. You spelt bleaer wrong. =P

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Past affirmations are useless as they'd only change your point of view of events that already occurred.

Make changes now. Future affirmations have the negative point in the question of when will they take place? I can affirm to myself for ten years that I "will" start caring about other people "soon", but never get around to it. On the other hand, I know that, without using hypnosis, causing changes within myself at this very moment work better than thinking of making changes sometime in the future.

Even if the affirmation is untrue compared to who you are when you begin making the affirmation to change, that's not so important because the point of the affirmation is changing who you are or how you do things so by the end of the affirmation it should become true for you, and thus when the affirmation is over you should be able to repeat it to yourself and be speaking the truth.

~Steve

Concerning the prophets: My heart is broken within me; all my bones tremble. I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine, because of the Lord and his holy words. The land is full of adulterers; because of the curse the land lies parched and the pastures in the desert are withered. The prophets follow an evil course and use their power unjustly.

"Both prophet and priest are godless; even in my temple I find their wickedness," declares the Lord. "Therefore their path will become slippery; they will be banished to darkness and there they will fall. I will bring disaster on them in the year they are punished," declares the Lord.

"Among the prophets of Samaria I saw this repulsive thing: They prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray. And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: They commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of

evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah."

Therefore, this is what the Lord Almighty says concerning the prophets: "I will make them eat bitter food and drink poisoned water, because from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has spread throughout the land." This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise me, 'The Lord says: You will have peace.' And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, 'No harm will come to you.' But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word?"

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Tsumaru, I believe Steve hit the nail on the head with this one. There's a quote my mother is fond of that you may have heard before, but is relevant here:

"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called 'The Present'." :wink:

When making an affirmation, it should always be done in present tense, if possible.

As for the long Biblical quote. Steve, would you mind explaining to me exactly what that has to do with anything in my article? I'm failing to see the connection between that and self-hypnosis. If you would be willing to clear that up, I'd appreciate it.

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)
Actually, that was a typo. I meant present/future tenses; not past/future. =P

But you've responded to that anyway, so no harm done. =]
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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)
The quote after my "~Steve" means nothing to the topic at hand. I've begun quoting the bible as a form of post-by-post "sig" (but only for posts large enough to warrant them, unlike this one ^_^).

~Steve

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

Just out of curiosity - do you expect people to read them? No offence, but I skipped straight over it. <_< Mind you, I read Kouji's post first and noted he said it was irrelevant; if I hadn't I probably would have. But now that I'm aware you intend to randomly through quotes in - well, I'll most likely not bother.

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

Your life is your own. Read them or not, according to what you choose. I hope people interested in the bible will read them, but I do not expect anything :)

~Steve

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

"Past affirmations are useless as they'd only change your point of view of events that already occurred."

So how could you use self-hypnosis to not regret something you did in the past/not have negative feelings about something you did?

Because the only thing I can think of is "I do not regret _____" Which has a negative word in it Would "I feel good about _____" work?

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"True wisdom is less presuming than folly. The wise man doubteth often, and changeth his mind; the fool is obstinate, and doubteth not; he knoweth all things but his own ignorance." -Akhenaton

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

"I have no regrets..." / "I do not regret..." probably would work. But considering people might bitch about "NO NEGATIVES!!!" how about "I am free of regrets..."? Either way, I think there are better ways to dealing with regret then self-hypnosis personally, but it's up to you.

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

"So how could you use self-hypnosis to not regret something you did in the past/not have negative feelings about something you did?"

"I am free (*unshackle yourself from emotional burdens here*), and look to the bright possibilities in my life". It's easy to see how positive affirmations can quickly become new-age ideology >_>

But I find a better way of dealing with regret is to make up for what you did that you regret, or at least take responsibility for it. If you are let off the hook, rejoice and don't let it burden you :)

~Steve

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

Thanks guys, I appreciate the advice and I will attempt to find some way to atone for a certain regret I have.

Do you have any experience or advice on how to stop trying to "watching" for getting hypnotized and just let it happen. I keep getting on the verge seeing flashes of light in my eyelids, feeling waves through my head and then thinking "is this it" and waking up to a totally conscious state

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

Oh yeah, that's easy to explain: you stop anticipating. Just watch and see what does play out, rather than hoping and waiting for that which you believe will play out. And if nothing plays out, watch that too. Turn off your thoughts (ie, your question "is this it?") and simply percieve. :)

~Steve

For this is what the high and lofty One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

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Re: A Treatise on Self Hypnosis (by Koujiryuu)

When I tampered with self-hypnosis in the past, I had the same problem nightwalker. I'm afraid that I stopped practicing before I ever overcame it so I can't help you there. Sorry.

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This is may almost the same way as I am doing and did.. Although mine is less technically.. . It is only done by repeating internally and externally the words, dont care where you are and what state are you in..

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Re: [A Treatise on Self Hypnosis \(by Koujiryuu\)](#)

Yep, that works too. If you repeat a mantra or saying while lying down and deep breathing, most people will eventually experience hypnosis.

The different states are different for everyone, so it's tough to tell exactly what "state" you are in and isn't something to put focus on. Although, I've found that both of the methods outlined (counting down with visualization and progressive muscle relaxation) help to speed up the hypnosis and allow for reaching a deeper, calmer mindstate. That's why they're included :)

Hope you enjoyed the read.

~Koujiryuu

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I never use "I will" in any affirmation as this is very indefinite. I agree with Tsumaru's post.

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By Kettle

The use of this construct requires the understanding of many of the principles contained within the Dynamic Psi style of psionic practice. Gathering energy, basic construct dynamics, proper conceptualization, and of course scanning, are all very important skills to have and understand before attempting use of this construct. When these concepts are well understood the construct itself is very easy to produce, but until that point the creator can become bogged down in pointless assumptions and expectations.

Most importantly though, you should always remember that a construct will do exactly what you expect it to when you fully expect it to.

The Purpose of This Construct

When scanning, the information that is gathered by us, as souls, is completely unbiased and un-tampered with. However, because the soul processes physical information in a different way than something bound to the physical domain (the soul being free from the limits of time or mortality), the brain is used to process the information, since it is specifically designed to process information about the physical domain. The brain will process this information and the soul will recollect it, interpret it, and then act on it. When written like this the system would seem fine, but the truth of the matter is that the brain will often add and construe information, leading to improper information and all around bad scanning. We can help alleviate this through serious, time consuming training, but we can never or have not yet been able to alter the brain in such a way as to completely erase this problem.

The purpose of this construct is to completely bypass the use of the brain by creating another one. The construct will process the data acquired by the soul and flawlessly present it back in an easily understandable and untampered way.

Conceptualization

The conceptualization of this construct is very simple, just a construct that will do exactly as stated above: to process the data acquired by the soul and flawlessly present it back in an easily understandable and untampered way.

However what is required from the psion using this construct is a small shift in focus to the construct while performing psionic practices, which is also very easy. Remove the focus of information input into the brain (where it would normally go) and put it to the construct itself.

To make this easier you can have it so that the construct itself essentially agitates the soul into keeping its awareness between both the body and it. This can be done by having the construct encourage the soul to “expand” it’s awareness, spatially aware of the surroundings at all times as well as being aware of the immediate future, such that on some level you are constantly aware of things around you and anything that’s about to occur. The broadness of this range can also be increased as skill is gained. Furthermore, if this practice is done continually (as in all day everyday), the user will experience a very rapid increase in scanning ability. This requires no effort on the part of the psion (aside from the original effort of creating the construct), and will in no way hurt them.

This is not only a useful tool to the skilled psion, but also a good training tool for the beginning or intermediate psion (provided they are capable enough to properly

conceptualize and create this construct).

Expectations

Immediately after creating this construct you should find an improved ability when using it. If not, this is likely due to improper conceptualization. If you properly conceptualized it working well and presenting information easily it should work fine right away. Also, your accuracy should improve, but this goes without saying.

Other Considerations

1) The spatial location of a construct can be important when using it, but really only on a conceptual basis. The truth of the matter is that it is completely unimportant where your construct is located spatially, as the energy psi can move through time and space instantaneously without regard for distance, and the soul can also do this with even greater ease.

Because this construct has been called a "second brain" there will be a tendency to want to place it directly above your head. Though there is nothing wrong with this, and it will in no way effect the functioning of the construct, it may however benefit the user to move the spatial location of the construct to somewhere far away from their head. This construct has such a strong pre-existing spatial conceptualization it would be very beneficial to the user to overcome this expectation and help them to evolve as a soul. The connection with the construct will in no way change no matter where it is located spatially, but a greater gap between the body and the construct would help to teach the unimportance of distance to the soul.

2) The idea for this construct could potentially be used for other things, for example, math. The construct is not limited by physical means such as space or time, as such incredibly complex calculations could be done nearly instantaneously.

3) Most importantly this construct proves one thing; that the body and brain that often hold back the soul are only a beginning point, and not entirely necessary.

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

I compliment you on a very useful and beneficial article. It was an easy and informative read.

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Have you done this? Do you have any examples? I'm just curious.

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Pure genius, Kettle.

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<ShoresofPluto> how often do u ignite fires with ur mind?

<kobok> On occasion.

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

Amazing article, Kettle. I'm pumped up for my next practice session.

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"I am not this hair, I am not this skin, I am the soul that lives within."

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

The movement of psi through space and time instantaneous is still a thought that I am challenging, but irreverent to where ever you put it I agree with. Its a good article and may consider it.

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)
Thanks to those who enjoyed the article.

Quote

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I have used the construct for math and math related subjects with good (as in correct) results, however I haven't devoted enough time to exploring this particular facet of the construct. I plan on doing it, but not anytime soon.

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

Cute, but it doesn't really matter to this topic. Maybe I bring one up in the near future or we could talk about this on a PM. Cause from what I can see there are still many opinions and routes it can take. I don't understand why it has to be instantaneous. Also there are things that don't obey gravity. Oh and I don't like to use gravity, I'm just forced to use it :P

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

Perhaps this is simply a misunderstanding of dynamic psi on my part, but I don't see how the processed impressions received from this "second brain" would be any easier for one's "real brain" to receive uncorrupted than the impressions received from the soul directly. Could you clarify this point?

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

I think that the soul receives the information which then needs to be organized. The "second brain" receives the information in an unbiased manner and then proceeds to organize it. The organized information is later comprehended by the actual brain, and this is in contrast to the actual brain receiving raw information which can be organized in a very biased manner.

I may be wrong,

Namaste

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

I don't know its sounds like assumptions to me. The whole information still sounds like it can just be directly thrown into the brain. How do you know that psi goes to the soul more firmly instead of going to the brain first then into the soul? Sort of like natures way of stopping unneeded information to just fly into the soul.

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

Well, my thinking on the applicability of a "second brain" construct is this; my general impression of how analytical overlay works is that it happens after one has some idea what the information is. This seems to be the case due to the fact that the presence or severity of analytical overlay in a given case has been observed (as I recall?) to correlate to how it relates to one's own interests and desires; it is difficult to ESP bad news. So the problem then wouldn't seem to be one of pure data processing; this happens easily enough, by whatever mechanism. It's simply bias. Metaphysical input to our brains will generally be rather subtle, whether it is from scanning or from a construct, so we're not necessarily bypassing the problem here.

My solution would be to connect a "second brain"-type construct to some easily produced physical effect- say, effecting the roll of dice, wavering of flame, etc. Thus, the information would go from the soul's scanning, to the construct, and then into incontrovertible physical evidence without having the chance to be corrupted by the psion's biased brain. (Incidentally, yes, such a practice would indeed look similar to traditional divination methods. Interesting, no?)

Again, my familiarity with dynamic psi isn't great, so I present this as a hypothesis and suggestion rather than an authoritative statement.

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Re: The Secondary Cerebral Cortex of the Psion (by Kettle)

"...my general impression of how analytical overlay works is that it happens after one has some idea what the information is." - Isn't it true the the subconscious mind attaches certain concepts to things before the conscious mind is even aware of this? A shield constructed around a person will follow that person if the subconscious concept exists that a shield is "attached" to the person. As another example, it's like how being in the room with another person will naturally allow an empath to pick up on the other person's emotions. The concept of distance affects the soul through the energetic domain. It's like how a person who is afraid of rabbits will attach fear to the image before the conscious mind is even aware of seeing a rabbit, or in contrast, attaching "fluffy" to the rabbit before the conscious mind is even aware of seeing a rabbit. Or more

precisely, attaching "rabbit" to the collection of fur, limbs, etc. before the conscious mind is even aware of seeing the mass of flesh. The world around us is perceived by our senses, our subconscious mind layers the truth with many different perceptions and thoughts, and finally, the conscious mind is aware of what we see. It's interesting when, in a certain meditative state, one sees the world around himself without these attachments and thus sees the truth with a "layer" of "apple", "chair", "wood", etc. covering such, with countless other layers that can't really be described covering those (and all in between). By using a "second brain" construct to interpret and organize the information before it is comprehended by the brain helps to bypass this, though it may take some time to learn to recognize and trust this information that, to the brain, seems to suddenly and simply be known. As a side note, this is a conglomeration of personal experiences and pure hypothesising, so this can't really be trusted so well ^-^ However, if somebody could tell me whether or not my assumptions about the subconscious mind are correct, I would appreciate that.

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By Kettle

The use of this construct requires the understanding of many of the principles contained within the Dynamic Psi style of psionic practice. Gathering energy, basic construct dynamics, proper conceptualization, and of course scanning, are all very important skills to have and understand before attempting use of this construct. When these concepts are well understood the construct itself is very easy to produce, but until that point the

creator can become bogged down in pointless assumptions and expectations.

Most importantly though, you should always remember that a construct will do exactly what you expect it to when you fully expect it to.

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The purpose of this construct is to completely bypass the use of the brain by creating another one. The construct will process the data acquired by the soul and flawlessly present it back in an easily understandable and untampered way.

Conceptualization

The conceptualization of this construct is very simple, just a construct that will do exactly as stated above: to process the data acquired by the soul and flawlessly present it back in an easily understandable and untampered way.

However what is required from the psion using this construct is a small shift in focus to the construct while performing psionic practices, which is also very easy. Remove the focus of information input into the brain (where it would normally go) and put it to the construct itself.

To make this easier you can have it so that the construct itself essentially agitates the soul into keeping its awareness between both the body and it. This can be done by having the construct encourage the soul to “expand” it’s awareness, spatially aware of the surroundings at all times as well as being aware of the immediate future, such that on some level you are constantly aware of things around you and anything that’s about to occur. The broadness of this range can also be increased as skill is gained. Furthermore, if this practice is done continually (as in all day everyday), the user will experience a very rapid increase in scanning ability. This requires no effort on the part of the psion (aside from the original effort of creating the construct), and will in no way hurt them.

This is not only a useful tool to the skilled psion, but also a good training tool for the

beginning or intermediate psion (provided they are capable enough to properly conceptualize and create this construct).

Expectations

Immediately after creating this construct you should find an improved ability when using it. If not, this is likely due to improper conceptualization. If you properly conceptualized it working well and presenting information easily it should work fine right away. Also, your accuracy should improve, but this goes without saying.

Other Considerations

1) The spatial location of a construct can be important when using it, but really only on a conceptual basis. The truth of the matter is that it is completely unimportant where your construct is located spatially, as the energy psi can move through time and space instantaneously without regard for distance, and the soul can also do this with even greater ease.

Because this construct has been called a "second brain" there will be a tendency to want to place it directly above your head. Though there is nothing wrong with this, and it will in no way effect the functioning of the construct, it may however benefit the user to move the spatial location of the construct to somewhere far away from their head. This construct has such a strong pre-existing spatial conceptualization it would be very beneficial to the user to overcome this expectation and help them to evolve as a soul. The connection with the construct will in no way change no matter where it is located spatially, but a greater gap between the body and the construct would help to teach the unimportance of distance to the soul.

2) The idea for this construct could potentially be used for other things, for example, math. The construct is not limited by physical means such as space or time, as such incredibly complex calculations could be done nearly instantaneously.

3) Most importantly this construct proves one thing; that the body and brain that often hold back the soul are only a beginning point, and not entirely necessary.

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Pure genius, Kettle.

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<kobok> On occasion.

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Amazing article, Kettle. I'm pumped up for my next practice session.

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Cute, but it doesn't really matter to this topic. Maybe I bring one up in the near future or we could talk about this on a PM. Cause from what I can see there are still many opinions and routes it can take. I don't understand why it has to be instantaneous. Also there are things that don't obey gravity. Oh and I don't like to use gravity, I'm just forced to use it :P

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I think that the soul receives the information which then needs to be organized. The "second brain" receives the information in an unbiased manner and then proceeds to organize it. The organized information is later comprehended by the actual brain, and this is in contrast to the actual brain receiving raw information which can be organized in a very biased manner.

I may be wrong,

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Ya I still think its the same thing and the body is still connected (expect maybe not in death :rolleyes:). I am not agreeing with people lately.... :confused:

Regardless I'll go with it.

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I think somewhere along the line there's been an incorrect assumption made, that being that the brain is still used with this construct. Remember that the purpose of this construct is to bypass the brain almost entirely, but let me start at the beginning.

For us to function and make decisions in this world we need three things; Something to gather information, something to process that information and then send it back to the soul, and then the soul to act upon the information. Key point here, information has to

be sent to the soul so it can make a decision on what to do and more importantly how to change itself to cope with the situation.

Normally our senses gather the information, the brain processes it, then the soul decides how to act upon it. And then somewhere along the line we realized the soul could gather information the senses couldn't. So then, the soul gathers the information, the brain processes it, and then the soul once again acts upon it. We have now found that the brain can add and construe information that the soul did not originally acquire, and I, in my practice, have found that a well made construct can process information gathered by the soul without adding or construing information.

So what we have here is that the soul gathers the information, the construct processes it and returns it to the soul in an understandable manner, and then the soul acts upon the information and changes itself depending on how it wants to deal with the situation. At no point does the brain enter into this sequence, it is supposed to be a very dynamic and streamlined process of incredibly quick action and reaction, and the brain is not necessary to the process with a properly created construct.

Now there are pieces missing here, specifically memory, as you would not remember any use of the construct if the information did not eventually come to the brain. Fortunately though I am in the process of writing a complimentary article to this one that will explain a lot more of this and allow for a better way of utilizing the construct and bypassing the brain.

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The soul really only does one thing, it becomes aware of things, and that's all. Being that the soul is only an awareness, with no physical or energetic form, all it can ever do is become aware of things. The soul has no components for calculation, this is something of the physical world, and the soul is something that does not exist in space or time. So therefore it needs a brain to process information for it.

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Now, just for the purpose of clarification; are you essentially saying that this construct just kind of perceives and causes you to act based off of those perceptions, like instinct?

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Quote from: kettle

The soul really only does one thing, it becomes aware of things, and that's all.

Quote from: kettle

Being that the soul is only an awareness, with no physical or energetic form, all it can ever do is become aware of things.

Quote from: kettle

The soul has no components for calculation, this is something of the physical world, and the soul is something that does not exist in space or time. So therefore it needs a brain to process information for it.

I may be thought of as guilty of hypocrisy for asking for evidence when I do not have any, but the reason I am asking for it is because you have based the purpose of an educational article on these premises, so they should be at least proven. I can combat each of those statements with pseudo-logical explanations at all, such as the claim that the physical world is only one phase of density and that there are others like it, such as the astral world, or the causal world, where even greater levels of consciousness are attained than on Earth; or that the only reason that souls have various bodies is so that they have mediums to interact with a particular level of density (world or plane); or that there are entire spiritual hierarchies which plan out the evolution of the creatures of Earth, including humans which do not have bodies and can calculate such things fine without brains. But all of these things are, while sounding nice and at least partially rational at first completely unsubstantiated for the intents and purposes of this discussion. That leaves neither of us with definable or tangible proof of our statements. And again, the only reason I ask is because you have claimed something of the soul in an educational setting (in case you thought this was some sort of undermining ruse or attack on yourself).

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Well I can't really argue with a statement like this because we've run into a problem where we have two different definitions of the term soul. It's like my argument was "pie is bad tasting" and yours is that "pie is good tasting", my idea of a pie a block of wood covered in gravel, yours is mainly comprised of a fruit filling. Proper argumentation is impossible s we're talking about different things.

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Yes, that is correct, I have overstated a concept. What I'm trying to say is that through the use of a brain, or in this case a construct simulating the function of a brain, a significantly better processing of the physical world can occur than by soul alone.

This is because (and Oriens Lvx Lucis I should think this would better answer your original question) the brain and body, being part of the physical world, adds two very important things. Firstly a sense of time, and secondly, a purpose.

The soul itself is timeless, cannot be destroyed, and has no reason that it would cease to be. It can observe entire lifetimes of people as a single event, regardless of start or finish. Distance is entirely meaningless to the soul, it can exist in multiple places at once. So with all this, what possible reason would the soul ever have to care about the events, from start to finish, of the life of a single body and brain? Quite simply, if we didn't have a brain to limit us, and a body to make us fear pain and death we'd have no reason to experience the physical domain in a linear format.

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Judging from evidence I have seen no one can say anything.

I'm pretty sure this is not going to improve my image on a number of grounds. Still I think I should have say this.

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Don't bother I seen it a lot...unless its something else new. So then I wouldn't have seen so, so sure show me.

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Given the evidence, it does not seem possible for the soul to be both physical and have the observed properties. Materialists have repeatedly attempted to argue that it must be physical to satisfy their philosophical preconceptions, but there is no evidence to support that viewpoint, and a substantial collection of evidence indicating that the soul operates at a conceptual level, rather than a spatial or temporal level. Observe evidence first, choose a philosophy second.

Quote from: Hech on November 22, 2007, 08:52:30 PM

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Shame on the lost....

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Man Tankdown, you never cease to amaze me with how often you assume things and jump to conclusions O_o

Anyway, I'm fairly certain that you haven't seen the aforementioned thread. If you had, I'm sure you wouldn't be saying what you are saying, and the fact is, what you're saying simply isn't true. I can't reply with nearly as much effectiveness as kobok can, however, like in talking about the scientific data surrounding the idea of how much time and energy the physical brain would spend in trying to scan a target, so I'll just let him respond. Don't, however, just assume that you're right or that you'll go in circles and consequently miss an educational discussion.

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Well, read more. :) Then you will be aware of more evidence.

I believe the thread Hech refers to is one in which I calculated for a materialist the level of both energy and computational power required to locate and identify a single target in any location on the planet. And in doing so I showed that this is unfathomably and astronomically beyond the physical energy level of the human body, and the computational power of the human brain. Material explanations are therefore quite ludicrous almost any way you look at it. Because such calculations are complicated to follow, I prefer to stick with the more straightforward explanations about the spatial and temporal independence of psi.

(Note, I deleted some posts. This is in the article section, so please try to keep the discussion on topic.)

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I've made an edit to the 3rd paragraph of the article. Based on recent discussion, it needed it.

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Introduction

In the physical world, the Industrial Revolution sparked a transition that took us in only two hundred years from pieces of metal attached to sticks, to instant global

communication and the navigation of machines across other planets. The source of this change was ultimately a philosophical one, in which people began to more systematically use machines to build other machines. This article is about the application of this same philosophy to the art of psi.

I have often been asked why the system Dynamic Psi has the word "Dynamic" in it. The explanation goes deeper than it sounding good, and in fact, I selected the name of the entire system after the concept of construct dynamics. This article will only give a glimpse of what is possible, but I hope it to be an illustrative sample.

Constructs

Put simply, a construct is a conceptual structure which consists of an intent, through which psi energy flows, and which gives form and properties to that psi energy. In the most basic performance of psi, such as kinetting an object, the psion forms an intent with the soul, which forms the intent as a construct in the conceptual domain. Then the psion sends energy into that construct, and actualizes it so that the intent manifests in the desired outcome.

Given this broad definition, constructs are not restricted to having a spatial form. As their primary existence is in the conceptual domain, the scope of what can be a construct is quite literally as broad as what can be clearly conceptualized. Because of this, constructs are able to take on very elaborate responsive and interactive properties, which leads us to the field of construct dynamics.

Construct Dynamics

Construct dynamics can be defined as the behavior and interaction of constructs, and its study and practice can enable us to engineer combinations of constructs which make possible things beyond what can be achieved with the strength of one will. I will begin by illustrating four principles:

- 1) Everything done with psi is done via the formation of constructs. Therefore the types of things a construct can do are identical to the types of things psi can do.
- 2) Constructs can form other constructs. As constructs are conceptual in nature, their interactive behavior can lead to the formation of new conceptual constructs.
- 3) Constructs can be responsive. As they can scan the physical world, they are able to respond behaviorally to any sort of event happening in the physical world. They can also respond interactively to other constructs, permitting a chain of events.
- 4) Constructs can be self-sustaining. A construct can be given the intent to continue in operation after the psion withdraws focus from it, and it will continue on the specified

behavior until the behavior concludes (which may be never), or until it is dismantled.

Practice

The following exercises are not designed for a beginner, and will require an existing foundation of skills established by earlier psi practice including meditation, kinesis, and the basic formation of constructs. In each of the following exercises you will need to use good form for rigorous psi practice, including entering a deep meditative state and identifying your soul so that you can use it for the formation and manipulation of these constructs.

The goal of this sequence of exercises will be the creation of a physical object which you can use to facilitate the more rapid performance of psi. While it may take you some time to work through the initial exercises, you should begin thinking about what small object or trinket you want to imbue with this property.

Practicing the components

Energy creation

For the first exercise, you should practice forming a construct which creates energy. First discard any misguided notions you may have about the impossibility of creating energy. Psi constructs can do this with ease, and require only a straightforward intent to create energy. Practice making such a construct until you are able to use one to reach a well energized state, and keep a mental note of the successful construct that you make.

Responding to your attention

It is difficult to practice making a construct that performs an interactive behavior without also giving it some response to perform. So in this exercise you will form a construct which responds to your attention on it. Then, you will again form an energy creation construct. Then bring these two constructs together such that in response to your attention, the combined construct creates energy.

Active drawing of focus

Normally focus is the prerequisite of a psi practice. Here it is both the prerequisite and an additional end goal. First realize that you are simply one more thing that you can affect with your constructs. Enter a focused state as usual, but then create a construct that actively reaches out to you and draws you into a deeply focused and meditative state. You will want to program the construct to actively clear your thoughts, and to bring both your brain and soul into an actively focused mind. When it's working, you should be able to feel the construct actively pulling you into a more focused state.

Providing energy

Similarly to how you created a construct which drew you into a focus, you will want to practice creating a construct which creates energy, and then actively provides that energy to you.

Sealing for permanence

To make a construct "permanent", it only requires that you add an additional intent to it that it will be permanent. This will work as long as you have a clear conceptualized intent for that permanence. The easiest way to do this is to first create the construct, and then merge the intent of permanence with it in a process called "sealing". After this, you carefully separate your focus from the construct so that you are no longer affecting or changing its form and function, which will leave it operating on its own. You can then reattach to a construct and dismantle it as easily as you made it permanent. Practice this process.

Attaching to an object

Attaching is the process of forming a persistent association between a symbol or a physical object and a specific construct. To attach a construct to an object, form the construct as usual, and then conceptualize it in the vicinity of the object. Then merge an additional intent with it that it remain attached to the object. Practice this with one of the constructs you practiced with already, and dismantle it when you are finished.

Creating the final object

You will attach two separate permanent constructs to the object or trinket you have chosen. One to actively draw you into focus, and the other to provide you with energy upon request. These constructs are complex, as are their descriptions. Read them several times through so that you fully understand the steps you need to take. Then take them one step at a time, and piece them together. The end result will be well worth it.

The focus construct

First form a construct that creates energy. Then create a construct that actively clears your mind and draws in your focus at all levels of your mind, as you did before. Merge these two constructs such that the construct creating the energy is powering the construct focus drawing construct. Then create a construct that responds to your attention on the physical object, and attach it to the focus drawing construct so that it draws your focus upon your attention on the physical object, using the energy from the energy creation construct to draw in your focus. When you have merged these, conceptualize the combination as a single focus construct, and attach it to the object

you have chosen. Then seal the construct for permanence, and separate your focus from the construct.

The energy construct

For this one you will create a much larger energy creation construct. Do this by creating an energy creation construct, then using the energy creation construct to power your enlargement of it to a larger energy creation construct. Repeat this a few times until you reach the limit of what you can meaningfully manipulate. Take that large energy creation construct and attach it to a construct which will trigger upon your attention on the energy construct, and on so doing, actively provide the energy to you. Note that in the previous focus construct, you set it to trigger upon your focus on the physical object. In this one, set it to trigger upon focusing on the energy construct, so you can achieve a focused state upon picking up your object, and draw energy only when you are ready to do so. When you have formed this merged construct, attach it to your object, seal it for permanence, and separate your focus from the construct.

Conclusion

If you have performed these steps correctly, you will end up with an object that upon putting your attention on it, it will actively draw you into a focused meditative state. This will enable you to rapidly enter a state suitable for performing psi. Then, upon forming an intent from this focused state, you can apply attention to the energy construct attached to your object, and rapidly attain a large amount of energy for powering your intent. This object can be a valuable asset for your later practices, and is a valuable tool for making more practical use of psi.

This approach is also designed to illustrate a more general principle of construct dynamics, which is that like in the Industrial Revolution, you can combine constructs in ways that are like conceptual "machines" with behavior that can facilitate the creation of even more complex constructs.

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Dope! Love the idea presented here along with the actual Tech, first thought i had after reading halfway through was a psionic Solomon's ring. I had ideas about making a similar object but never as well thought out and described as this article. All in all i enjoyed this knowledgeable read, thank you.

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"I am not this hair, I am not this skin, I am the soul that lives within."

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Quote from: `Nazukarr on January 13, 2014, 08:04:36 PM

Thanks kobok. What are some relatively simple and useful constructs that are easy to create after mastering these?

Constructs that perform healing, or maintain health, are generally of pretty good use. It can sometimes be difficult to do psi healing while sick. For this reason, it can be of significant value to merge psi healing constructs with some of the ideas described in this article, particularly responding to your attention, or perhaps a wearable object with a construct that activates upon being worn.

Another important class of constructs with many applications are self-replicating ones. This is a sufficiently complex topic that it warrants a lengthy description of its own, but in summary a self-replicating construct is any construct which can power itself, create a functioning copy of itself, and achieve some purpose. Constructs which can make new copies of themselves are a little complicated to work out, but they can often be used to great effect. For sensible function, it can be helpful to use some sort of additional coordinating construct which regulates the coordination of their combined behavior, such as when they should replicate, and coordinating their performance of the desired effect. This is a challenging class of constructs to design, and it requires practice to keep it all straight in your head. But there is significant benefit to working in this direction, as there is a great deal more that can be accomplished with hundreds of thousands of constructs acting in unison than with a single mind asserting its raw will.

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I have a interesting experience to relate, I used the construct in making the construct. I got the idea from the article about retroselection. I have noticed that simply from having used it a few times, I had a tendency to be less distracted. I was also hoping to inquire about the Dynamic Psi ebook you have been working on, since the last Psi study group was a bust.

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Yeah, it's still in progress.
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Practical Psychic provides a concise, realistic method of learning psychic abilities. It uses short, simple techniques, without rituals, objects, intense meditation, or particular religious beliefs. All it requires is confidence and practice.

Fear and Belief

Belief is Necessary

"Do or do not. There is no try." Yoda never explains, but his quote is accurate. This section will explain what he did not the reasons belief is important and how to achieve it.

Belief is a requirement for learning psychic abilities. If you believed touch typing was impossible, and so you wouldn't even put your hands on the keyboard, you wouldn't be able to learn it. Well-informed belief is best. Read research, case studies, stories, and if possible talk with people. Learn about the psychic abilities that have already been studied, proven, and understood.

As you research, you will be more enthusiastic and interested in practicing. You will trust yourself more. This keeps you more relaxed and make practicing easier. It improves your concentration, your focus, and your accuracy.

This chapter contains worksheets to help you understand your beliefs and become comfortable with psychic abilities. Consider each question carefully, and

notice your reactions. The first worksheet, just below, is to help you recognize your past experiences. Your experiences shape your expectations and influence your beliefs and knowledge.

Quote

Preparation Worksheet: Past Experiences

Yes/No

Have you had a psychic experience?

Have you had a lot of them?

Have you participated in psychic ability experiments?

Have you read case studies of psychic people, or experiment results?

Have you read any other books describing psychic experiences?

Do you believe psychic abilities exist?

Skepticism

Critical analysis and doubt have their place that is, laboratories, not classrooms. Skepticism is not specifically disbelief. It means uncertainty: "Skeptic, n.: One who is yet undecided as to what is true; one who is looking or inquiring for what is true; an inquirer after facts or reasons." (Webster's Dictionary) Taking a realistic view in experiments is useful. Uneducated disbelief is not useful. Fanatical disbelief is as illogical as fanatical belief. Experiments are meant for learning what is true. A person can't learn the truth if he or she has already decided what that truth must be.

However, new skills practice is not the time for experiments. The skills must be learned before they can be tested in a controlled situation. If a person were testing to prove whether any human could type 80 words per minute, he or she wouldn't start with people who couldn't type at all. Choosing people who had been typing for many years and already typed quickly would be wiser. Similarly, it makes no sense to try to prove psychic abilities in people who have not practiced with them. People need to learn first, and then they can test the skills later.

Recognizing Doubts

If you have some fears about learning psychic abilities, you're not alone. Most people are nervous, doubtful, or outright scared when they first consider learning the abilities. Spend some time understanding those feelings and discovering which ones are unreasonable.

Quote

Preparation Worksheet: Fears

Mark each sentence that describes your thoughts.

Psychic abilities don't really exist. People can't really do that.

Even if psychic abilities did exist, only a few people have them. I'm not special. I can't possibly do it.

Psychic abilities are just too weird. I can't think about that.

If psychic abilities existed, I would have to change my beliefs about the world, and my

stability would fall apart.

If I try to gain psychic abilities, I might lose control of them and hurt someone.

Spirits or evil creatures might attack me or possess me.

I don't like who I would be if I could use psychic abilities.

Psychic abilities are scary.

Meditating and the feelings I get using the abilities are too deep; I'm scared I might lose control of myself.

I'm a little worried, but I'm not sure why.

I'm not worried; I'll learn some abilities and be safe.

Psychic abilities would be very fun to play with if I could learn them.

I already use them a lot; they're a normal part of life.

I'm not sure how I feel about psychic abilities.

Challenge Statements

Each time you find yourself feeling bad or scared, give yourself a pep talk. Explain why the worry is unrealistic. Some examples are given here for the fears listed in the worksheet. If you have a fear that's not in the list, research it. Decide whether it's realistic and useful to keep, or whether you want to challenge it.

Psychic abilities don't really exist. People can't really do that.

Psychic abilities do exist, and have been proven scientifically. This isn't fiction or fantasy; it's here and now, in this world.

Even if psychic abilities do exist, only a few people have them. I'm not special. I can't possibly do it.

No correlation has been found between psychic abilities and anything else yet. Anyone could have the ability, and quite possibly, everyone does.

Psychic abilities are just too weird. I can't think about that.

Why are they weird? They've been a normal part of being human for thousands of years. We've just ignored them out of fear of the unknown. If we learn about them, then they become known and normal, and they aren't scary or weird.

If psychic abilities existed, I would have to change my beliefs about the world, and my stability would fall apart.

Changing one belief, or even several, won't shake me to pieces. Disbelieving is superstitious. Psychic abilities have existed at least as long as humans have, and the world is fine. Accepting reality won't hurt me.

If I try to gain psychic abilities, I might lose control of them and hurt someone.

Psychic abilities can only be gained a little at a time. I can stop at any point and wait until I feel okay about it before moving on. They are within me to control. Just like I control my daily reactions to people, I would be controlling psychic abilities. I'm no more dangerous than I would otherwise be.

I don't like who I would be if I could use psychic abilities.

I would still be myself. Who I am is not determined by what I can do. I would be the same person I am today, and the same person I've always been. I would just have a new skill to play around with, and use in the ways that I feel are appropriate and right.

Psychic abilities are scary.

Psychic abilities are only scary because I haven't learned enough about them. Any ability I gain is within my power to control, and since I am in control of it, it can't do things I don't want it to. It wouldn't be scary if I let myself learn more about it and consider it okay.

Meditating and the feelings I get using the abilities are too deep; I'm scared I might lose control of myself.

I can stop at any time. My mind and body are under my control. They can't do anything I don't let them do. I let go of control every night when I sleep, and I don't have any problems then. If I go too deep into a trance, I'll just fall asleep. No spirit can affect my body without my permission. I am totally safe, because my subconscious keeps protection around me at all times.

Unfamiliar Feelings

When you've challenged the fears, and you've started learning psychic abilities, there are many new feelings you may encounter. Although they feel unfamiliar, they are still safe.

As you fall asleep, or as you start to go out of body, you may feel for a moment like you are falling. This is a common feeling that is the result of your mind relaxing and letting go. Many people experience this feeling. It may interrupt your concentration, but it has no other effects.

Meditation can also feel different. It may feel like a deep daydream. Your body may feel like it's buzzing once you relax physically. This is due to your blood flow increasing, just like it would after exercise. It's a normal part of relaxation. Your body temperature may go down a little, making you cold. This, also, is a normal part of relaxing. Take a blanket if you tend to get cold.

As you practice any abilities, you may notice feelings in your head and forehead. This is because you are concentrating on those areas when you use the abilities. Relax,

massage your face a little, and the feelings should be gentle. If your head hurts, you're probably tensing your muscles and giving yourself a headache. Relax and take a break, and then try again without getting tense.

Trusting your feelings and avoiding fear takes time. Repeat the challenge statements every time you notice disbelief or fears. You must convince yourself that you have as good a chance as anyone at learning the abilities, and that it is possible to learn them. You are just as good as anyone else. Practice, practice, and keep practicing. Stay enthusiastic and relaxed, and you'll make fast progress.

Religion

Psychic experiences may shake up your religious beliefs. They give you a new perspective on the world. Much more is possible than you may have previously believed. Religious beliefs will influence your skill development. If you believe most of the skills are evil or wrong, you generally won't want to learn them, or may have trouble with them. It's important to recognize what your beliefs are related to the topics in the worksheet below.

Quote

Preparation Worksheet: Religion and Beliefs

Yes/No

Are psychic abilities are related to religion or spirituality?

Are the ethics an important topic to you?

Is your religion's view of psy important to you?

What is your religion's view on psychic abilities?

They don't exist.

They exist, but only special religious officials have them.

They're evil/satanic/demonic/dangerous.

Neutral - it doesn't say anything about them.

They exist in some special people.

They exist in everyone.

Everyone can and should develop them.

Do you believe that you personally can learn and use psychic abilities? ____ Yes ____
No

Ethics

As with any skill, you will want to consider the ethics of psychic ability use.

Psychic skills can be used in a variety of ways, almost invisibly to the general world. Psychic skills are not good or bad, just as any type of skill can not by itself be good or bad. Certain uses of the skill can have good or bad consequences, however. The question I consider when determining the ethics of a situation is, "Would this be ethical to do, if I used a non- psychic

method to achieve it?"

Of course, that question does not give a clear answer in all cases. You will need to decide for yourself if what you choose to do is appropriate to your beliefs.

Aura vision helps healing abilities, empathic understanding, and deeper spiritual caring. It leads to a deeper understanding of human actions and relationships. Telepathy, empathy, clairvoyance, and other information skills help you understand events, relationships, and human life. A healer can help people accept and love each other, work out difficulties, and solve difficult interactions in creative and helpful ways. The abilities also simplify everyday life by giving you extra information, which helps you make wiser decisions.

Belief Systems

When you begin psychic skill development, your first few experiences will probably change your beliefs. A world that seemed stable, measurable, and known, suddenly has mysteries at every step. Your beliefs, habits, and interests may all change suddenly. Your restrictive beliefs fall apart, and beliefs that are more realistic replace them.

Experiences that shake up your ideas can certainly be scary at first. That doesn't mean they're dangerous. Learning the truth is useful, and there's no need to fear it. Trust the change without feeling threatened. Your new abilities are simply giving you extra information.

Sometimes this feels like being a toddler, just beginning to explore a vast world of new things. You will need something stable and safe to return to after a bit of exploring. Choose a special place or routine to return to each day. Lighting a candle to relax for a few minutes each night is one routine. Familiarity provides security, safety, and relaxation after a very intense period of learning.

Perceptions

Your perceptions will change along with your beliefs. Energy flows, emotional relationships, and spiritual interactions between people appear much more visibly. Humanity and philosophy may become more important. Astral projection and out-of-body experiences sometimes accompany this. You may have more interest in spiritual values and ethics. You'll also continue to gain perceptive abilities.

Some of this may be uncomfortable because it's unfamiliar. You can work through those discomforts once you realize you have them. The worksheet below will help you identify your comfort zone. You may have trouble learning abilities related

to uncomfortable or scary experiences. Once you know what scares you, consider whether it's realistic, and challenge any unrealistic fears.

Quote

Preparation Worksheet: Comfort with Encounters

Yes/No

Are you comfortable with:

Perceptions

Feeling ghosts are nearby but not seeing them?

Seeing ghosts?

Feeling auras touch you?

Seeing auras?

Knowing what happened in a room?

Getting visions of an object's past by holding it?

Knowing what might happen tomorrow?

Being directed to do things?

Being talked to by spirits or other creatures?

Alterations

Changing how a plant grows by feeling kind or unkind to it?

Causing dice to roll differently?

Accidentally causing electrical equipment to break or behave strangely?

Causing lights to flicker?

Causing time to slow down or speed up slightly?

Accidentally or purposely, making small objects levitate?

Accidentally or purposely, making large objects levitate?

Accidentally or purposely, causing scorches or small fires?

People

Feeling other people's emotions?

Hearing other people's thoughts in your mind?

Knowing personal information about a stranger?

Causing other people to feel your moods and hear your thoughts?

Knowing someone dislikes you, although they are polite?

Knowing someone is lying to you, although they aren't showing it?

Feeling the presence of every person and animal in the room?

Knowing when someone is about to get hurt?

You may find that after a period of practice, you develop several new skills at once. Then you have some time to work with them and gain comfort before another set of skills begins to develop. Skills tend to develop in waves. Practice will improve your psychic interactions, auras, and perception of events at a distance.

As you perceive and work with the psychic energy around you, you will have an increasingly strong effect on people. They will notice and consider more seriously the things you do. You may re-evaluate your beliefs to make decisions

on your interactions with other people. You may reconsider your place in learning from and teaching.

Setting Goals

Many students know they want to learn, but they aren't sure where to start or what interests them. Psychic abilities are quite varied, but fit into two basic categories, perceptive and alteration.

Perceptive

The most common type of psychic ability is perception of information. Empathy, telepathy, precognition, remote viewing, aura sight, seeing ghosts, knowing about illness or injury before it happens, reading cards, telling fortunes, recognizing disease, perceiving energy, and predicting dice rolls are all perceptive abilities. Many people have experienced these abilities at least once, but may not talk about them for fear of ridicule.

Alteration

The other type of ability is alteration: abilities that directly cause a change in the world. Telekinesis, levitation, healing, telepathic commands, empathic projection, teleportation, helping or hurting a plant's or animal's growth, and directing energy are alteration or projection abilities. Fewer people experience these, but the abilities are still somewhat common.

Quote

Preparation Worksheet: Goals

What kinds of results do you want?

Understanding of psychic abilities or a specific experience

Gaining understanding of life and this world

Proof of psychic abilities existing, or of my own psychic abilities

Better understanding of people and spirituality

Other

How long are you willing to wait for those results

A day to a few weeks

A month or two

As long as it takes

Look through the table of contents. What skills do you eventually want to learn? Why?

As you look at your plans, how do you feel? Are you excited about the skill you're going to learn? If you aren't excited, you may have trouble staying focused. Choose what interests you. What would be most fun and exciting to

learn?

Dedication

You've decided which skills interest you. You've determined how patient you will be while learning them. You've considered whether to seek a teacher. You summarized your interest in the worksheet.

Any time in the future that you feel like quitting, or get discouraged, come back and reread this. Maybe your reason for learning abilities will change. Maybe your patience isn't as good as you thought. Maybe you will need more help from other people. Changing your mind is fine. Over time, you'll learn more about yourself. This worksheet may provide the reminder you need to stay motivated through the tough spots.

Choosing a Teacher

Teacher/Student Interactions

This section investigates your learning personality. If you choose to work with a teacher, these things are important for the teacher to know. If you are working alone, you should still understand them so you can work past any difficulties.

Learning from a Teacher

A teacher can help starting certain abilities and increasing your control of them. With patience, you can learn the abilities even without a teacher. Most practicing will happen at home without teacher supervision.

Students are responsible for practicing, recognizing their own styles and feelings, and choosing which abilities to develop. The teacher may suggest that you improve certain abilities before learning others, because the basic skills generally need to come before the more complex ones.

Some expectations of teacher/student relations are reasonably normal. Others are unreasonable, because they require the teacher to do the impossible, or because they are an unnecessary drain on the teacher's time. The lists below explain some common expectations and which are acceptable.

Quote

Preparation Worksheet: Personality, Frustration, and Guidance

How easily frustrated are you?

If I can't do it the first time, it's not worth the effort.

I'll try a few times.

I sometimes get frustrated, but I keep trying. I'll figure it out eventually.
Things worth learning are worth practicing. When I want to learn something, I don't care how long it takes. I keep trying

How much guidance do you want?
I want a lot of instruction and guidance.
I like to do things by myself.

How much do you want to control what you do?
It'll happen on its own.
I'd like to be able to guide it a little.
I'd like control of some of my abilities, so I can use them when I need them.
I'd eventually like to control all my abilities, but they can still happen on their own.
My abilities should only happen when I specifically try to make them happen.
I want to understand every detail and control everything about it happening.

What do you want from a teacher or book?
General information
Things to try
Advice on difficulties
Advice on how to learn
Someone to understand me
Someone to explain my experiences to
Someone to help me understand my experiences

Reasonable Expectations
Teacher provides information, answers questions, and solves problems related to learning the skills.
Teacher psychically observes student progress, and points out strengths and weaknesses.
Teacher uses own aura and energy to assist student or psychically point the way.
Teacher shows consistent control of own abilities in the areas being taught.
Teacher and student respect each other's beliefs and communicate kindly.
Student practices regularly and sincerely.
Student has questions or goal for each practice session with teacher.
Teacher answers students' questions about own teaching history, skill levels, and specialties.
Teacher provides help finding information on subjects beyond own ability to teach.

Unreasonable Expectations
Expecting the teacher to provide relationship, money, or life advice
Expecting the teacher to demonstrate skills that the student is unwilling to learn
Expecting the teacher to be perfect
Expecting the teacher to teach when tired, distracted, or busy
Expecting the teacher to start with a flashy, showy ability such as telekinesis

Expecting the teacher to teach an ability he or she hasn't learned

Your Strong Sense

Visual/Audio/Touch/Intuition/Empathy

Everyone prefers one sense out of sight, hearing, touch/feeling/emotion, and intuition. When you receive information psychically, you perceive it through your favorite sense.

If you are a visual person, you will receive mostly images. If you understand more easily through hearing, you will hear voices or words telling you the information. If you learn more through touch, you will feel yourself in the situation. You may also be an intuitive person who simply knows the information without it taking any specific form.

Regardless of your strength, you will probably receive some information in every form, so be open to all of it. You will receive information best when you open all psychic senses.

Recognizing Each

Visual people prefer a variety of sights and colors. They prefer pictures full of meaning, written directions and maps rather than verbal instructions. Visual people say "show me" rather than "tell me." They are able to imagine vivid pictures and scenes. They may imagine colors and pictures when listening to music. They also read books by picturing scenes more than by hearing the words in their heads.

Audio people are drawn to a variety of sounds. They consider music and speech important. An audio person asks to be "told" directions and may spend much time on the telephone. They can get more information from listening to someone talk than from reading about a topic. If they do read, they may whisper or hear the words in their heads as they read.

Touch people are drawn to textures, crafts, and other people. They enjoy working with their hands and are often very good at it. They may learn massage techniques or sports early in life. When reading, they may follow the line with a finger to keep their place. They care about temperature and textures. When they shop for clothes, they care most about the feeling of the cloth.

Emotional/empathic people do something because it feels right emotionally. They are able to sympathize very well with friends in any emotional situation. Friends who are not feeling well may depress them. Likewise, if they have friends who are feeling good, they will tend to feel good also. They understand others' situations by feeling those emotions themselves. Some emotional people

are also touch people.

Intuitive people often act on impulse, doing something because they know it is right. Intuitive people know unquestionably that their choices are right, but may not be able to explain why. Their information appears as sudden inspiration, but it doesn't last long. They enjoy games of anticipation, because they have just enough knowledge of what is coming to do well in them.

Regarding This Book

This book uses "picture" and "visualize," visual words, to describe imagination. If you are not a visual person, use mostly your own sense. Also, deeply involve as many senses as you can, so that the images are complete. That way if some of the information gets lost, there is still information left.

Learning Process

Overall Process

Learning any ability is a step by step process. Choose a skill, try it once, repeat until you are doing it properly, and then practice, practice, practice.

Practicing helps you remember how the skill feels. If you practice riding a bicycle, you learn how it feels to pedal, where your feet go, how to steer, and how to stop. Bicycling feels unfamiliar the first time, but after you do it many times, it gets easier. After a few weeks, you can get on a bike and ride down the road without thinking about how to steer.

Psychic abilities improve with practice just the same. You may feel awkward at first, paying attention to many details while you practice. With time, they will get easier. Learning a psychic ability involves remembering how it feels to use it. Once you know how it feels, you create that same feeling later to use the ability again.

Make it Happen

The first step of learning a new psychic ability is the hardest: making it happen once. To remember what it feels like to use the ability, you have to use it once. Most abilities will occur instinctively in day to day life. You just have to watch for them, and notice when they happen.

Pay attention to subtle thoughts and gut feelings. If you feel you should take a different route to work or school, take it, even if you aren't sure why. If you get a vision of a speeding car as you near an intersection, wait a moment to see if one passes by. When you notice yourself worrying about someone, give him or her a phone call and ask how things are going. Respond to the intuitive

thoughts you have. This encourages them to happen more often and encourages you to notice them sooner.

Read about the abilities you want to learn. Gather information on how they work. Notice when they happen, who uses them, and what effects they cause. Read experimental studies of them, especially any with successful results. Daydream about using them, and consider ways to practice them every day. What fun things would you use them for? Thinking about using them will encourage your subconscious abilities to show up more often.

As you think about the abilities and watch for them, you will begin to notice them occurring throughout your normal daily life. When they happen, notice your mood, surroundings, thoughts, feelings, and activities. Remember exactly how you felt just before they happened.

On and Off

After you have an ability occurring "randomly" throughout the day, you will want to learn more control. Start out by trying to make it happen on cue. Recall how you feel just before an ability happens. Try to feel exactly the same again. Don't try too hard; if you were relaxed the first time, you need to stay relaxed and calm again.

Learn to turn the ability on and off like a light switch. You may not yet be able to control it when it's on. Just practice turning it on and off. Become open to it happening, ready to receive intuition, or whatever the ability requires. The important part is being able to remember and cause the same feelings and thoughts. When you can turn on the ability a few times each week, without too much hard work, you're ready to learn more control.

Direct Toward Goals

You've found an ability, and you can turn it on and off. Now, you want to make it useful direct it toward a particular goal. This can mean receiving psychic perceptions, causing something to occur, or whatever. Choose the goal you want. What is this ability to be used for? Just as you thought about the ability to turn it on and off, now think about and focus playfully on your goal. What do you want to have happen?

Keep the same feelings you needed to turn on the ability. Stay in the same mood and same thoughts. Gently direct your thoughts to the goal. Visualize it as strongly as you can. Feel it, see it, hear it, touch it, smell it, taste it. Involve all of your senses, and focus on it. If you feel your mood change, guide it back to keeping the ability turned on.

If you don't get results after a few minutes, stop, relax, and try again later.

Results may not happen until you try many times. Sometimes you may find that as soon as you quit trying, it works. This means you were working too hard at it the first time. Stay relaxed and playful. If you aren't having fun, you aren't going to make progress!

Practice

Life is exciting you made the ability work! You've gotten noticeable results once or twice, and you want more. Keep trying the same way you have been. Notice what works and what doesn't work. Where are your inaccuracies? Are some of your perceptions symbolic, instead of realistic? Do you consistently mistake a telephone pole for a pencil? How do you feel about the things you get right or wrong? You will probably feel some differences in your incorrect perceptions. Aim for what feels right, and remember carefully how it feels.

Don't judge your results while you are still trying to receive. This will usually cause incorrect results. Receive everything and, if necessary, write it down so you don't forget. Stay open to all the perceptions, no matter how strange they seem, until you are fully done (usually 2-10 minutes). Don't let yourself give up early; stay confident and enthusiastic, even if you think all of it is wrong. You may be surprised at the results.

Keep a journal of your perceptions. Any time you have a chance to confirm or disprove something you received, write it in. You'll learn more from your mistakes than from your successes. Your mistakes show you what to improve and help you learn how to do it. With practice, you may be able to receive details with about half or a little more of the details being totally correct. Sometimes they may all be completely correct.

Practice, practice, practice. Stay relaxed and have fun; find games to practice with daily. Use the skills every time you get a chance. If you can find an interested friend, talk about your experiences. No matter what, don't give up! I took nearly 20 years to learn one particular skill but I did eventually get it. Most skills will only take a few weeks or months, but even if they take longer, just keep trying. Practice and play!

Atmosphere

Effects of Fear

Seances, fortune tellers, and ouiji boards brings to mind dark rooms, candlelight, and a distinctly spooky mood. Telling ghost stories around a campfire brings up similar feelings. You may feel scared, excited, or paranoid after a few such stories. You may feel the world is magical and different for a few minutes.

Atmosphere and mood contribute to the experience. They direct your feelings and perceptions in a particular way, to enhance the story. A spooky mood may help or harm, depending on your intentions. Watch how mood affects your psychic perceptions, and learn how to use it to help get the results you want.

When you are scared, you spook easily, jumping at the slightest sounds. Your heart races and everything that moves seems threatening. This is a normal reaction; it kept us alive centuries ago in the wilderness. It still helps us now to react to balls flying at us.

However, your perceptions are sometimes inaccurate when you are scared. You perceive and react quickly, but your perceptions may not be correct. That creak wasn't the sound of an intruder; it was the house settling. That shadow wasn't a bat in the house; it was only a curtain flapping in front of a fan. The movement in the corner of your eye was your own reflection in a mirror. Because you are scared, the things you perceive will tend to be scary.

For accuracy and concentration, you may want to avoid spooky settings when trying to use psychic abilities. You'll have enough doubts, fears, and new experiences to deal with. Once you are more experienced, you can use a spooky mood if you enjoy it. For now, if you get scared, your psychic abilities may perceive scary things. If you stay relaxed, you will tend to perceive more objectively.

Mood as a Tool

Some moods are useful tools to enhance your psychic practice sessions. A relaxed, contemplative, quiet mood works best to begin with. It should feel slightly dreamy, or romantic like a plush room with candlelight. It will take you away from your daily worries. It will let you focus more completely on what you are practicing. Feeling a bit new and strange is okay; it'll help you focus as long as it doesn't worry you.

Create a Mood

Choose a mood to create, and think about how to best create it for yourself. Do you want candles or dim lighting? Do you want a soothing bath first? Do you want special music? Will it be energetic and playful, or quiet and soothing? Choose a time when you can be alone for an hour, and decorate a room for your mood. Set up lighting, music, a fan, soft blankets, a bed sheet tent, or anything that will help the mood. Spend at least half an hour relaxing in it. Learn how it feels to be totally immersed in that mood. Let the world fall away, daydream, and enjoy.

Practice setting up moods for yourself before you practice any psychic abilities in them. They will help you feel secure and stable while you

practice. If you feel best in the middle of a sunny field in July, the field is as good a place to relax as any other. Lighting level only matters in how relaxed you feel. Having practiced with various moods will help you be familiar with various states of relaxation. Familiarity helps you be comfortable and more confident, and confidence improves your ability to learn.

Some moods to consider experimenting with are quiet, deep, trance-link, fluffy, light-headed, relaxed, contemplative, inquisitive, hypnotic, ritualistic, and playful. All of these can be used with other people involved, also. Cooperative, interested people will make the mood much more intense, if they are respectful rather than intrusive.

Drugs

Recreational drugs are sometimes used to set a particular mood. They do not help people gain controlled use of psychic abilities, however. If they do open the abilities at all, they do so wildly and without giving the person time to learn proper control. They can cause terrifying experiences, without any of the long-term practice needed to understand what's going on.

If you're already using such drugs, nothing I say will make a difference. However, don't start using them as a shortcut to psychic abilities. It would be like jumping off a cliff instead of climbing down the rope; you might get to the bottom, but it wouldn't necessarily be comfortable. Anyone can learn these abilities, completely safely, in only a few months. It's not worth risking your health for a shortcut that may not even give you the experiences.

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Shutdown

Definition

Shutdown means stopping all psychic activity, totally but temporarily. Closing all psychic perceptions lets you stop to understand what you have experienced. It helps you recover from emotional surprise or shock and return to reality.

When psychic experiences frighten you, take a step back and relax. Breathe. Consider whether you really need to shut down, or whether you'd do better to think things over. Shutting down means you will have to completely stop thinking about what happened. Sometimes this may not be helpful.

If thinking about the experience bothers you too much, or makes your energy feel bad, go ahead and shut down for a while. If, instead, you can stop using the ability for a few minutes, sit back, and think, do that instead. Shutting down all abilities is an extreme step. It can always be reversed, but it will take some effort to open again. The section on personal changes discusses frightening experiences in detail.

Shutting Down

Shutdown happens when you focus all conscious thought toward the physical world. Become involved with other people, being social and discussing fun things. Do physical activity; walk around, stretch, jog, or do anything else that makes you more aware of your physical body. Let thoughts of the psychic experiences float away like a dream and stop worrying about them. If you like games, programming, writing, art, etc., do that. Do anything you can think of to keep yourself occupied, without memories of psychic experiences distracting you from it.

Returning to Psi

When you are ready to use psychic abilities again, start opening your perceptions as you would when you first practice any psychic ability. You can do this at any time, whenever you are comfortable and ready.

Dealing with Shock

Information and new experiences can be frightening. Try to find someone you

trust to discuss things with. Realize that some of your perceptions may be inaccurate, especially if you were scared when you started.

If the perceptions really are true, what's the absolute worst that could happen? Is the worst something life threatening? How likely is it to be true? How reasonable is it? If you received information about a person, is it something you have to tell them? Would they believe you, or would it be better to wait and see what happens?

Common Problems

Q: I can't stay shut down.

A: Concentrate on the physical world. Don't let memories distract you. Do something fun and involving, like watching a movie or reading a book. If you're curious about your experiences, you may be too interested to ignore them. Make sure to stay as relaxed and calm as possible. If you feel insecure, try creating a shield instead.

Summary

Ground and Center

Relax, and focus on something fun

Success

You can stop psychic ability use when you choose to.

You can restart psychic ability use when you choose to.

Grounding

Definition

Grounding connects your energy to the earth in a stable, secure way. Ground to get rid of unwanted energy and take in clean, balanced energy. When you are well grounded, drawing energy through yourself is easier. Any time you are working with energy, grounding makes it easier.

Letting Go

First, let go of all the tension you can, relax your shoulders, calm yourself, and focus on what you are doing. Bring your attention to the current time and place. Let all the active energy you have release, and any that you don't want drain down off of you into the earth. Slow down and take a deep calm breath.

Anchoring

Extend your own energy down into the earth while keeping it also connected to you. Feel your energy as streamers or roots extending deep into the earth, as anchors. These roots balance your energy, so you're not dizzy, and they give and take energy to keep your overall level steady. When stressed, you may not anchor very well. Ground and stabilize your anchor to reduce the feelings of stress.

Releasing Negativity

Drain your unwanted energy down through the anchors into the earth. The more strongly you anchor, the better your energy balance will be. More energy will flow through you smoothly, without feelings of tightness or nervousness.

Common Problems

Q: I just don't feel anything when I try to ground. Am I doing it? What's happening?

A: Make sure you are relaxed, not scared, and not feeling defensive. Gently and playfully, reach toward the Earth with your feelings. If you are tense or scared, you won't connect with the Earth very well. If you feel defensive, you will hold your energy in and stop it from flowing to the ground. You must share your energy generously with the Earth, and accept its energy connection to you.

Q: I am relaxed, and I think I might have grounded. How do I know if it worked?

A: Trust yourself. Look at how you are feeling. Do you feel connected and stable, or dizzy and uncertain? When you are strongly grounded, you will feel more confident and calm. Trust what you feel.

Q: I can ground for a moment, but then it slips away. How can I keep it there?

A: Practice. Notice how you feel when you are grounded. Then notice how you feel just as it starts to slip. Focus on staying stable and letting lots of energy flow between you and the earth. As you start to feel grounded, slide in deeper and more stable. Stay relaxed; don't let the excitement of success stop you from enjoying the feeling and staying grounded.

Summary

Let go of old energy and tension
Anchor to the ground
Balance your energy

Success

You can feel when you are grounded or not.
You can ground when you decide to.

Your grounding is stable, strong, and relaxed.
You can stay grounded for at least 5 minutes comfortably.

Centering

Definition

Centering means finding your own identity and essence. This is you, separate from the influences of societal expectations and pressures. It can enhance shielding or make them unnecessary. It allows you to perceive energy clearly. It keeps you emotionally stable as you encounter new things.

Finding Center

Finding your center will be easiest when alone. Find some quiet time, where you can be alone for at least 30 minutes. Do what you can to prevent interruptions. Turn off the TV, radio, etc. Turn off the telephone ringer and let an answering machine answer instead.

Sit quietly for a few minutes, just breathing and noticing yourself. Pay attention to how you feel and why. Let each feeling surface and then pass on without judgement. Recognize your stream of thought and let it flow. Notice how your body feels and looks, and any tension you are carrying. Notice your daydreams, ideas, and everything that is a part of you.

Also, notice anything you are feeling that may be imposed on you by others. Look for tension, pressure, or expectations. Notice how you have reacted to them, and what your feelings are in response. There's no need to change anything unless you want to. Just be aware of these things. Consider the things you want separate from the things others want for you.

As you do this, you will get a stronger feeling of yourself. With time, you'll recognize more quickly what is a part of who you are, and what is temporary or societal. This will help prevent empathic flooding, and increase control of energy work you do.

Staying Centered in Crowds

With practice, you will be able to pause for a few seconds to center yourself in almost any circumstance. If you tend to be susceptible to empathic overload, staying centered in crowds will reduce the flooding. It may take practice to get good at, but will help significantly.

You may find that you have trouble staying centered around certain people. Their pushiness, their ideas, and their feelings overwhelm you. When you notice

this happening, strengthen your grounding and centering. Stay as strong, stable, and calm as you can. Once you learn to shield, you may also want to add a shield around yourself. The shield will keep your energy separate from theirs, and give you more distance from them. The section on shields discusses this in more detail.

Common Problems

Q: I try to find center, but I'm not sure what's me. How do I figure it out?

A: Spend several hours, or if possible, a few days alone doing hobbies. Read a book, or do any activities you enjoy. Creative or imaginative activities are the best. Look back over photographs of your childhood or the past few years. Look around your home at the things you own, and consider why you chose them. All of these things help you feel yourself. Make sure you get plenty of time alone to daydream and think.

Q: I start to find center, and then I lose it again. I can't stay centered for more than a minute or two. Every time I go where someone else is around, I lose it. What should I do?

A: Start out by centering for a long time while alone. Practice that until it feels comfortable and familiar. Watch out for getting too involved in other people's emotions. Make sure you recognize and understand your own emotions thoroughly. Remind yourself of what is you when you are around other people.

Summary

Ground your energy.

Recognize yourself and your thoughts

Recognize thoughts imposed by others

Focus on yourself

Success

You can feel when you are centered or not.

You can center when you decide to.

Your centering is stable, strong, and relaxed.

You can stay centered for at least 5 minutes comfortably.

Drawing Energy

Definition

Psychic energy is a strengthening, encouraging energy that exists in nature.

You will need psychic energy to use psychic abilities. Energy comes from many sources, including the sun, moon, earth, nature, water, wind, storms, fire,

emotions, and movement. People carry energy with them at all times. However, this energy can become drained as you use your abilities. Because of this, having other energy sources to draw from can help you avoid getting too tired.

Choose a Source

Choose an energy source you enjoy to draw energy from. Feel energy from that source flowing into you. You can picture it as a garden hose pouring energy into you, or as a waterfall all around you. You might picture it as light surrounding and filling you, or a fire warming you. The energy surrounds and fills you, raising your energy to a much stronger level.

As you feel the energy flow through you, relax and focus on staying balanced. Don't hold the energy in; let it flow through. Bottling it up will stop the flow. Raise the energy strength as far as you can comfortably go. Then, hold the energy flow at that speed and strength for a few minutes. Practice holding it stable.

Too Much Energy

If you begin to feel lightheaded, imagine a connection into the ground to let go of the excess energy. Lightheadedness usually means that you have too much energy and need to let some of it go back into the earth, like grounding an electrical system. As you draw energy, take only what feels appropriate. Don't force it; just gently draw the energy. Forcing it will only make it more difficult to get the right amount of energy.

Finishing

When you are done, you will want to finish comfortably. Direct the energy flow back into the ground. Let the intensity gradually reduce. Send the energy securely into the ground, and bring yourself back to a normal state of mind. Close it down until it feels fully settled. Then let go of the final bit, and relax.

Common Problems

Q: I don't feel anything. Am I drawing any energy?

A: Until you feel something, it's hard to tell. Pay attention to subtle feelings. Are you actually not feeling anything, or do you just doubt what you feel? If you feel even slight tingles or pressure, you are probably drawing energy. Relax and be playful. Imagine drawing energy, even if you aren't sure you are succeeding. When you've imagined it for a while, and imagined feeling it, you will succeed in actually drawing energy.

Q: I feel that I m drawing energy, but it s uneven and difficult to hold. How do I make it smoother?

A: First, relax. You may be trying too hard to control it. Let it flow naturally at its own speed. Get rid of any muscle tension you have by stretching and moving around, and then try again. Make sure you are breathing smoothly and deeply. Increase the energy flow as you breathe in, and keep it flowing steady as you breathe out.

Q: I was drawing energy smoothly for a while, and then it wobbled and stopped. Why did it wobble?

A: You probably got tense or excited, and lost your grounding. Ground and center, and then try again. Be sure to stay relaxed and playful.

Summary
Ground and Center
Choose a source
Pull energy through
Stay balanced

Success
You can feel the energy you draw through yourself.
Drawing energy is smooth, without wobbles or abrupt changes.
You re relaxed and familiar with feeling the energy flow.

Creating Psiballs

Definition

Psiballs are balls of psychic energy. They can be any size, density, shape, texture, etc. They can be used to carry information, investigate an area, heal, warm, or cool an area, or simply to play with and to practice energy control.

Shaping Energy

Draw energy and direct it outward through your hands. Cup your hands as if you were holding a baseball or a ball of cookie dough, with one hand below it and one above it. Picture the energy flowing from your body, through your arms, and out through your hands.

Feel the energy swirling and building up between your hands. Make the energy into a ball between your hands, making it denser as you add energy. It doesn't matter whether your eyes are open or closed - do whichever is comfortable for you.

Let yourself feel the energy between your hands. Notice any push or pull between your hands, any difference in heat, changing density of the air, sparks of light, waviness of the background behind the energy ball, or anything else that changes.

If you have difficulty creating a strong enough psiball to feel, try drawing more energy and adding that energy to it. It may take practice to make a strong enough psiball to physically see waviness in the air, but you should be able to feel it quickly. Do not worry if you only feel it, and can not see it; that is normal. You may feel a lot of heat between your hands; this means you have drawn energy through them properly.

The sensations you feel may be very slight: tingles, pressure, or tightness. Trust your sensations. You're learning both to shape energy and to perceive it, at once. Both take some time to gain confidence with. If you think you felt something, you probably did.

Learning Control

After you are comfortable making a psiball, try working with friends. Each person starts by creating his or her own psiball. Then combine all of the psiballs into the center of the circle. Each person continues to add energy to the center. After a few minutes, discuss how each person perceives the energy. As a group, try changing the temperature or the density of the energy.

Practice regularly to improve your speed at creating psiballs and your control of them. As you become more comfortable making them, try variations. Make shapes other than a ball; try fire, a pool of water, a crystal, and any other shape you can imagine. Try changing the temperature of the energy, making it extra warm or extra cool. Make the energy carry different emotions, being agitated, or soothing. If you have a willing partner, try using an energy ball to tickle them.

Make a large energy ball of happy energy, and cover a friend in it. If you do it with a willing friend, but at a time they don't know what's happening, you can see how strongly it affects how they feel. (This often has the effect of making the receiver very happy and bouncy, as if they've had too much sugar or caffeine.) The energy can also be used to heal, by keeping the intention of healing as you create the ball and share the energy with someone.

Psiballs don't have many "practical" uses - their primary purpose is to learn basic energy perception and control. Beyond that, they can be used in all the same ways any energy can.

Common Problems

Q: I was able to make a psiball once, but it was weak and I can't do it anymore.

A: Try drawing more energy to make the psiballs. Since you were able to do it once, you have the technique, just not the strength. Let things happen gently, without forcing them, and be sure you are adding enough energy to make a strong psiball.

Q: I have drawn energy and tried to shape it, but I don't feel any energy ball forming.

A: Either you are not creating an energy ball, or you cannot feel the one that is there. First, open up your mind to feel any sensations around the ball, no matter how small. If you feel no sensations at all, try putting much more energy into the energy ball. It may take many times the amount of energy you expected. Also, let the energy leave your body; don't hold it in. Focus on letting go of it as it swirls around between your hands.

Q: I can make an energy ball but it immediately falls apart, or just doesn't do what I want it to.

A: Energy follows thought, so practice keeping your mind focused on the one thing you want the energy to do. As you practice, learn to keep your mind focused even through distractions. What you think and expect is what the energy will do, so as you practice, expect the energy ball to last longer and longer, until you decide to let it stop existing. You may need to continuously add energy to keep the psiball in shape.

Summary

Ground and Center

Draw energy

Shape the energy

Notice any sensations

Ground the energy

Success

You can draw and shape energy into a ball.

You can see, feel, or sense the presence of the energy ball.

You can create the ball when you choose.

You can get rid of the ball when you choose.

Shielding

Definition

A shield is a bubble of energy that works like a window screen. It filters the energy that moves through it and defends against other s negative energy. It also prevents people with psychic abilities from using them with you. Shields help empaths keep others' emotions separate from their own.

Creation

Begin by clearly thinking through your purpose for the shield. Why do you want a shield? What exactly do you want it to do? Will it keep out all energy, or just bad energy? Will it be temporary, or will it be permanent? Will it only be defensive, or will it attack in response to negative energy?

Once you have a clear intent, begin drawing energy and swirling it around you. Picture the energy as anything you wish. Common visualizations are soap bubbles, waterfalls, balls of light, fire, trees/vines, crystals, feathered wings or fur, tank metal, and armor. Choose an image that you enjoy thinking about and that isn't cramped or heavy. Swirl the energy around you.

When you feel the shield is strong enough, let go. It will maintain itself with whatever purpose you gave it as you created it. If the shield depletes over time, repeat to add more energy.

Effects

A shield can have many effects, alone or in combination. A shield can keep energy on one side or the other, or act as a filter to allow only certain energy inside. It can convert energy from one form to another so that a filter is unnecessary. Shields help empaths keep out some of the extra emotional energy so they don't feel overwhelmed.

Shields also define boundaries in the physical world, which people will usually not to cross. Often they won't even realize why they stopped there. The edge of a shield works as a psychic alarm. When someone physically crosses it, the shield gives the owner a psychic warning that someone is nearby.

Shields cause any effects you intend them to have when you create them. Just like any psychic ability, energy follows thought. Whatever you think about when you create the shield affects how it is created. Shield effects are not at all limited to what is listed here; anything you can think of, you can do.

Maintenance

Stress sometimes interferes with maintaining a shield. Under normal circumstances, a shield maintains itself for quite a while. However, large amounts of negative energy, attacks, illness, and lack of sleep all weaken a

shield. This section explains how to maintain a shield under stressful conditions.

Daily Stress

Daily stress is the most common difficulty with shielding. While a shield often prevents psychic energy from adding to the stress, eventually the shield weakens. More rest, planned time alone, meditation, and avoiding stress are the best cures. Daily or weekly meditation replenishes a drained shield and helps relax you.

Empathic Overload

Empathic overload is similar to, but can be more intense than, normal stress. Large crowds, schools, and cities are filled with intense emotional energy. Empaths who are particularly sensitive to this learn to build very strong shields to keep other people's emotions separate from their own. The first few days of an emotionally intense environment can be particularly tiring if the empath has not yet made a strong enough shield.

Meditation and self-examination are important to protect from the empathic pounding of emotionally intense environments. Meditation helps relieve the stress and emotional energy in a controlled way. It also gives time to identify the difference between empathic emotions and personal emotions. By identifying yourself carefully (especially emotionally), you add an extra layer to the shield which defines "self" and "other." This helps external emotions bounce off harmlessly.

Electromagnetic Fields

Sometimes electromagnetic fields, from power lines or electronic equipment, can tear at a shield and cause it to weaken. If a person has grown up near power lines, his or her shield may already be adjusted to compensate.

For people who have just entered electric fields, though, it can be rather intense. Experiment with drawing energy from the field and changing it into a more useful form of energy. Also, try matching your own energy to the existing electricity. With some practice, adjusting your shield to that energy takes little effort.

Psychic Battle

Shields also become weakened by psychic battles. Though most people will never need to deal with this, some can't avoid it. They may have known they were dealing with it before ever reading a book on psychic abilities. Shielding is a natural defense to psychic attacks.

During psychic battle, people hold their shields in place by willpower and energy. Willpower controls the shield the most. Calm confidence is the best way to prevent a shield from being drained. If you are uncomfortable trusting in your own endurance, trust in the universe to do what is best for you, whether or not that is protection.

If the shield does feel drained, draw additional energy from a comfortable source to replenish it. Keep drawing until you know you are safe. If you cannot hold up the strength any longer, place your psychic self some place safe (or even shut down) to avoid being attacked. A safe place is any place, real or imagined, where you feel secure. Attack rarely causes any symptoms worse than a headache, but headaches can be bad. Avoiding fighting is best.

Common Problems

For this, and all future skills, first check your grounding and centering. You should be strongly grounded, and strongly centered. You also need relax and avoid pressuring yourself.

Q: I can't get a shield created. I can't stay focused.

A: Ground, center, and relax. Draw energy just as you would to create a psiball. Instead of directing it through your hands, direct it outward around your body, as if you are inside the ball. If you want, use your hands to trace out the size and shape of the shield in the air. Add energy until you feel it strengthen and hold its shape.

Q: I can create a shield but it's not very durable. How do I strengthen it?

A: Your shield strength is very closely tied to your grounding and centering. Be sure they are both very strong and stable. Relax and stay playful. Your shield should be somewhat flexible, not brittle. Keep it flowing and swirling around you.

Q: There's unhappy energy inside of my shield. When I put my shield up, I feel bad, or I feel like there's something stuck inside.

A: Drop the shield for a minute, and push away the energy you don't like. Clear the space around you. Before you put up a shield, push a lot of energy out away from you. Start the shield tiny inside of you, and make grow bigger like a balloon until it's around you. This prevents energy from being trapped inside it.

Q: My shields are fine until I enter a particular room, and then they wobble or fail. What's going on?

A: Other people may be affecting your shields, either purposely or accidentally. Staying grounded and well centered will help that. You also may be getting interference from power lines, or an electromagnetic field. Adjust your energy to match it, instead of fighting it, and the shield will work again.

Summary

Ground and Center.

Choose the shield's purpose.

Draw energy.

Swirl it around you until stable.

Let go and ground.

Success

You can create a shield when you want to.

You can control the strength of the shield.

You can control what the shield keeps out and lets in.

You can control the texture and visualization of the shield.

The shield does what you tell it to.

Practice Month One

Practice Tips

Tips on practicing are scattered through many sections of this book. This is a summary list of helpful and harmful things to do as your practice. Laugh at the goof-ups; remember the helpful things. Psychic ability practice should be fun and comfortable.

Remember that everyone has some trouble. If you realize you're doing something harmful, be amused. You're much like everyone else. Don't worry about it too much. Just work on improving. Use the challenge statements from the Beliefs section if you're having trouble with a particular worry.

How Not to Learn

Now you, too, can absolutely assure that you won't make progress. You won't learn the abilities. You won't experience new and strange things. You won't have anything useful to show your friends. You can make certain you will never, ever gain control of any psychic skill! Here's how.

Quit

Doubt yourself. You can't possibly succeed! Quit immediately!

Disbelieve in the ability. Nobody anywhere could do that; it's impossible!

Try the hardest ability first. You'll give up after one attempt, since you've proven it can't be done!

Worry about the abilities being satanic or worse. You'll be way too scared to do anything.

Experience a real ability, and then get scared of the results and give up.

Practice when you're exhausted. When you start to relax, you'll fall right asleep. (Good for your health, useless for psychic practice.)

Pretend to practice when you're shutdown and not perceiving anything.

Stress Out

Get scared of the abilities. They might go out of control!

Work hard and don't be at all playful.

Tense up and push yourself hard. Get a big headache.

Try to control every tiny detail of the ability, and take all the fun out of it.

Performance pressure: you have to prove levitation to all the skeptics right now!

Practice in scary, distracting, noisy places with people who make you feel uncomfortable.

Practice when you're not grounded or centered. You'll get lightheaded, dizzy, and have trouble concentrating.

Lock your shields up so tightly that no energy can pass through them either direction.

You won't be able to ground or center. (See above!)

Pretend you have an ability even though you never bothered to practice it. In fact, you're not even sure what it's supposed to do.

Misinterpret

Judge your results before you receive them. They're all wrong anyway.

Ignore your feelings and thoughts. Pure obvious logic, not hunches, should be perfect.

Involve only one perceptive sense. If the information doesn't come through that route, you'll get nothing at all.

Interpret everything exactly literally (nothing will make any sense).

Interpret everything only symbolically (it still won't make any sense).

Smooth Sailing

Ok, so some of the goof-ups are slight exaggerations. Here are some helpful tips to remember instead.

Keep Trying

Be confident. You can do it!

Believe in the ability.

Start simple.

Challenge your worries. You are safe and doing fine.

Realize your first experiences may feel awkward. It will get easier.

Practice when you're well rested and relaxed.

Open your perceptions by grounding and centering.

Relax and Play

You are in control of your abilities. Enjoy them!

Play and keep trying. Make your practice sessions into games.

Let the ability happen naturally.

Practice in private where no one can pressure you.

Find quiet areas where you can set up a relaxed, fun mood.

Ground, center, and do everything you can to help your concentration.

Shield gently to filter energy and enhance your perceptions.

Research the abilities you are interested in.

Interpret

Wait on analyzing results until after you're done. Spend at least 3-5 minutes receiving, without giving up.

Notice your feelings, thoughts, and moods. Intuition can be subtle.

Involve as many senses as possible.

Learn to recognize both symbolism and pure facts. Compare them to the "objective truth" only after you're done receiving.

Psychic Events

Paranormal or Not?

You may experience things that seem to be paranormal. Careful investigation will usually show you whether it is normal or paranormal. Consider two things when you investigate each event.

1. Does any normal explanation fully explain the event?
2. Does the event provide otherwise unknown information, or seemingly impossible movement or events?

The first step is to investigate all normal causes for an event. If an object moved, look for wind that could do it. Were there people who might have thrown or dropped it? Were there vibrations from large vehicles driving by? A weak nail could cause a picture to fall off a wall, and this would certainly not be psychic. Does the event provide any new information? Could that information have been gained normally, such as overhearing a whisper?

If there is no normal explanation for the occurrence, then it may be paranormal. You can use the form below to record the important information if you want to keep a record. You may recognize a pattern to the events after you keep a record for a while.

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Practice Month One Worksheet: Paranormal Event Record

Yes/No

Does the event always occur near the same person?

Does the event always occur near the same place?

Does the event always occur near the same time?

Where/when did it happen?

Who did it involve?

How important is it?

Is the event good, bad, or neither?

Explain what happened.

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Types of Events

Grouping events into categories can help you understand the event. Each section below explains what is paranormal and what isn't.

Intuition

Intuition means "just knowing" something without images, words, or touches. Intuitive messages are often warnings for safety, instructions to follow, gut feelings, and hunches.

Visions/Sounds/Touch/Feelings

These are sometimes called hallucinations. They are psychic only if nothing is causing the vision, sound, or sensation. They are not dangerous if you know you are healthy and they don't interfere with your life.

Visions

Visions are similar to imagination or daydreams.

Visions are mental ideas that enter your mind as images.

Visions include auras, ghosts, and dreams.

Visions include out of body experiences and astral projection.

Visions include clairvoyance and remote viewing.

Visions will not be images you see with your eyes or reflections on glass

Visions will not include after-images from eyestrain.

Visions will not include the lines you see with your eyes closed (those are blood vessels).

Sounds

Sound perceptions are information that arrives as words and tones.

Sound perceptions are words, names, instructions, and phrases that give useful information.

Sound perceptions are not rushing or ringing sounds in your ears (this is just normal blood flow).

Sound perceptions are not sounds that occur naturally and you hear.

Touches and Emotions

Feeling perceptions include the sensation of touch, when none occurred.

Feeling perceptions include mood changes in you that aren't your own feelings.

Feeling perceptions include cold or warm "ghost" touches.

Feeling perceptions include pressure sensations when touching psychic energy.

Feeling perceptions are not actual touches (see the section on psychokinesis for this).

Feeling perceptions are not shivers from normal wind drafts.

Feeling perceptions are not emotional changes due to fatigue or hunger.

Feeling perceptions are not feelings due to adrenaline or excitement.

Psychokinesis, Movement, and Alterations

These are changes of physical objects, such as movement, floating, breaking, mending, vanishing, and appearing. They also include invisible touches, where a visible dent can be seen.

When you investigate carefully, you'll usually find a normal explanation. Check for wind gusts, drafts, breaking or weak nails and hangers, lopsided shelves, and objects off balance. Consider normal ways to cause the same movement. However, scientists have recorded real movement and touches that have no physical explanation, so some of these events are paranormal.

One common kind is a poltergeist, which translates as "noisy ghost." This includes cases where objects move around as if a ghost were moving them. This is usually unrecognized psychokinesis caused by a living person. If the person doesn't want psychokinesis, a counselor can help. Once the person learns to deal with stress better, the psychokinesis usually stops.

Telepathy

Telepathy is any communication between people or animals that does not occur by the normal senses. It can convey images, sounds, words, names, ideas, feelings, and emotions. It happens most often between emotionally close people, such as families, lovers, best friends, and pets.

Telepathy is not body language, whispers, voice inflection, lip reading, or any normal communication. If the people communicating are far apart and separated by walls, then telepathy may be a reasonable explanation.

Synchronicity

Synchronicity is when an event occurs at exactly the right time. This may mean that people meet unexpectedly, just when they needed to talk. It can be accounted for as coincidence, but it may also involve telepathy or other psychic abilities. It is difficult to measure since there is no "chance" to compare against.

Some cases of synchronicity can be explained by telepathy. Some can be explained as coincidence. The rest are still a mystery.

Visualization

Purpose

All psychic abilities require some visualization. That visualization can be images, sounds, ideas, or stories. If you have trouble visualizing, try some playful childhood activities. Play pretend, or act out scenes in storybooks. Create an imaginary world to explore. Play with them when you're feeling good, relaxed, and want to have some fun. Get enthusiastic! Dress the part. Share your excitement with nearby children.

Create a Land

Create an imaginary land in your mind. It can be anything - a jungle, a desert, a crater on Mars, or an underwater city. Make it something that excites you and interests you. Decide how big you want it to be, and who else is there with you. Start to explore it, looking for anything and everything interesting. If you work better by writing, write down a description of it, as a poem or a story. Make it as detailed as you can. Describe it to a friend. Do anything you can to remember your land. Come back to it often and add details and new ideas to it. If you tire of one area, create a new interesting one. Play in it!

Read a Book

Find a child's storybook about adventures and surprises. The 6-9 years age group will probably have some good ones. The more silly and adventurous the book is, the better. One with lots of pictures will help if you have trouble specifically with pictures. As you read the book, make the scenes from the book as vivid as possible in your thoughts. Really get into the book and laugh with it. Be willing to let yourself feel like a child, and bring back the creative excitement of childhood.

Read the book aloud to any nearby children. Practice being a storyteller, using creative cartoon-like voices. Give every character its own body language and tones. Use crayons to draw pictures of each character showing its personality.

Add another character and imagine how it would interact with the others. Enjoy yourself!

Play with Toys

If you have the toys available, make a wooden block castle, a Lego dragon, or a Tinkertoy Ferris wheel. Create the same kinds of play scenes you enjoyed when you were young, and relive the ones that interest you. Draw/color/paint a picture (it doesn't have to look realistic!). Get crayons and color in a coloring book. Make it as fun and silly as you can; let the trees be purple with pink polka dots if that amuses you.

Find Yourself

Find your creative self, and enjoy it with enthusiasm. If you have trouble with pictures, use whatever other methods you prefer to think about things. Doing the things you did as a child will help you remember how you thought about the things you created. Then you can use those same methods to access anything that requires visualization (it doesn't have to be pictures).

Games and Practical Uses I

Grounding/Centering

This is useful when you are dealing with a stressful person or situation. It helps clear your mind, focus your attention and energy, eliminate distractions, and keep you stable. It's also very necessary before you begin to use any advanced skill.

Shielding

Shielding is useful for many things. It can help you move through crowds. People will feel the edge of the shield and move away, often without realizing why. A shield set around a room will alert you when anyone crosses it. And, a shield can reduce the effects of highly emotional situations and other psychics nearby.

Overusing a shield may make you feel tired, however. So, if you use it a lot during the day, spend some time each night letting it relax and soften. You don't need to feel defensive all of the time. Relax, play, and center instead of shielding each evening.

Game Preparation

Everyone participating should ground and center before starting the games. Sit in a circle, and watch each other's energy until everyone is grounded and

centered. None of these games have a winner or loser. They're cooperative for fun and practice. Discuss everyone's experiences as you play.

Energy Fountain

The goal of this game is to see how much energy a person can draw before he or she gets unstable and the flow collapses. It practices staying well grounded and holding a large energy flow.

Draw a little energy in from the ground, funnel it upward through your body, and out your head like a fountain. Stay well grounded and balanced. Gradually increase the amount of energy moving through you. Over a few minutes, try to move as much energy as you can. It's okay to get lightheaded or giggly, as long as your energy is still stable.

When you can't increase the energy any more, or when the energy column collapses because you got dizzy, drop all the energy into the ground and relax. Lower your energy level and ground a lot until you're comfortable again. Then let the next person try.

When you are watching someone make a fountain, practice seeing and feeling his or her energy. Notice if he or she wobbles or stays grounded.

Simon Says Shielding

The purpose of this game is to practice matching a description with your shields.

One person is chosen as the leader, and names a type of shield for everyone to create, such as soap bubbles, tire rubber, brick wall, metal armor, fuzzy blankets, spider webs, etc. Everyone in the group spends a few minutes trying out that kind of shield, making it as strong and stable as possible.

Then the next person around the circle names a different type of shield, and everyone tries that. Go around the circle as long as it's fun, and discuss how the shields felt each time.

Psiball Passing

This game practices stabilizing energy while letting go of it.

One or two people create a strong psiball between their hands. Then they pass it to another person in the group, who adds energy, and passes it on. See how strong you can make it. Try varying the thickness and temperature. Notice how the energy changes, as each person contributes.

Psiball Splat

This game practices stabilizing energy while directing it through an area.

Each person creates psiballs and throws them against the walls of the room, like throwing sticky goo. Vary the energy in the psiballs, and let the energy remain on the walls as you throw them. If you want, say aloud what your psiball is made of just before you throw it. ("Soapy sponge! <Splat>") After a few minutes, look around psychically and notice all the energy splats everywhere.

When you're done, take turns "washing" the walls off with a spray of energy from the palm of your hand, like a garden hose. Let all the energy soak in to the ground, and ground yourself.

For a more advanced version of this game, create the psiballs and throw them without using your hands.

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Re: Playful Psychic, Basic Skills (by Skywind)

Cool. But the only thing i would say is the games involve more than one or two people and i am only 14 so most of my friends think i am a nutter :(:cow:

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To the owner of everything,

Are you truly happy?

Love, light and laughter,
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I agree with akashic_librarian, there should be a game that involves one person because I to have friends that think I am nuts :biggrin: Oops :eek:, I hope you don't mind me posting here, if you do then tell me and i'll delete it.

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I know what you guys mean. I have the same difficulty. I decided that even though it's somewhat manipulative, but I try and do things on my own by saying okay I to do this to this person and see if they react strangely.

So let's say I want to make a very dense psiball, well one of the ways I can detect that I've made some sort of psi ball is by sending it to someone else or just having someone else feel in between my hands.

I hope that helps a little bit. I'm not a master at coming up with singleplayer games

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Ut intus , sic vacuus. As within, so without.

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You don't have to play games; they're meant to help you learn in a more diverse and hopefully more effective manner. They aren't necessary, so don't worry about not being able to play them.

-Razeroth

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"In the beginning, the primum mobile created the heavens and the earth, and imparted existence. The governing principle of the universe thusforth came forth: duality in its glory..."

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When i tried to create a psi ball i felt a strong push between my hands like two opposite magnetic feild but nothing else happened.does this means anything?

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Empathy

Definition

Empathy is the ability to know someone else's emotions psychically, during normal conversation and at a distance. Body language and tone of voice are not empathy, only psychic perceptions. Empathy is a limited type of telepathy, which is easier for most people to learn. It is the most common of all psychic abilities.

Spontaneous Use

Many people use empathy without realizing it, especially with close friends and family members. This often occurs as a feeling that a friend is hurt or in trouble. The receiver may also feel stressed because a friend is stressed.

With practice, you can improve your empathic ability. You can begin using it on cue instead of just spontaneously. You can learn to receive detailed emotions and complex situations.

Connecting

Create an empathic connection by focusing your thoughts on your chosen target.

Create a constant stream of energy connecting you to him or her. Let the connection grow and strengthen, like a web or joined hands holding you together.

Emotions flow through the connection in both directions. The target will feel some of your emotions, and you will feel some of the target's emotions.

Receiving

Be open to receive images, sounds, and feelings through the link. You may feel the emotions as if they were your own, or they may seem like a movie. They may appear as emotional images or as hunches.

As you receive information, watch for related details and subtle feelings. Watch how the target reacts to his or her emotions. Ask questions to navigate through related emotions. Notice how the feelings change in response to your questions.

To be certain you aren't reading body language, practice when you can not see or hear the target person. Practice at times when you wouldn't otherwise know what mood the person is in. Then ask the person later what his or her mood was at that time, to see if you received feelings accurately.

Controlled, useful empathic navigation can take a while to learn, but it is necessary. The telepathy section explains techniques for navigation in more detail.

Disconnecting

Closing the link is just as important as opening it. When you are ready to close the link, visualize it gently drawing apart and closing cleanly.

If you try to remove it too quickly, it may hurt like a suddenly broken

relationship. You may even feel it physically near the heart, where empathy connects. Be gentle with empathic links because they represent your relationship with that person. You will both feel what happens to it.

Common Problems

Q: I don't feel anything when I try to connect. Am I doing it? What's happening?

A: Ground and center. Make sure you are relaxed, not scared, and not feeling defensive. If you are tense or scared, you won't connect well with people. If you feel defensive, you will hold your energy in and stop it from flowing to the target. Make sure you are comfortable feeling close to the target. Make sure the target is comfortable feeling close to you. Gently add energy and strengthen the connection.

Q: I can connect, but I am not receiving anything.

A: Ask a question and then listen for an answer. If the connection is still quiet, strengthen it and increase the energy flow. Be sure to stay calm and relaxed.

Q: Receiving too many emotions is overwhelming me. How do I filter some out?

A: Ground and center very well. If afterward you still need a filter, create a shield around yourself to block all empathy. Then when you choose to receive empathically, tell the shield exactly what to let through. When you are done, tell it to block everything again.

Summary

- Create a connection to the target
- Strengthen the connection
- Receive and navigate
- Disconnect cleanly

Success

- You can create a link.
- You can receive accurate emotional information through it.
- You can close the link gently.

Telepathy

Definition

Telepathy is the psychic transfer of thoughts, concepts, images, sounds, and feelings. Empathy is a form of telepathy.

Accuracy

Theoretically, telepathy can carry any information. In practice, it is more limited.

The most accurate reception comes from full concepts involving all five physical senses and emotions. Thoughts involving fewer senses reduce accuracy. For detailed, accurate telepathy, focus on an entire situation instead of a single object, word, or number.

Creating a Link

Create a telepathic link the same way as an empathic link.

Focus your thoughts on the target person. Create a clear image of him or her in your mind. Create a picture of a situation involving him or her, and imagine the sounds, smells, emotions, and surrounding atmosphere.

Create an energy link between yourself and the target.

It will have two parts: an emotional link between your hearts and an intellectual or conceptual link between your minds. The emotional part is important because connecting requires trust. Emotions and thoughts will go both directions through the links.

Strengthen both links until you feel strongly connected.

Telepathy should always be done with compassion for the other person's thoughts and feelings. You may learn personal information. If you betray this trust, future connections will be more difficult.

The target will not always consciously know that you are connecting, but will still respond subconsciously. He or she may block you out if upset with you. The receiver cannot force accurate telepathy. It only works when the sender and receiver both allow it.

Navigating Thoughts

Surface Thoughts

As you explore someone telepathically, you will notice many levels of thought. These levels exist in yourself and in the people you connect to. Some levels

are more conscious than others.

The easiest level to reach is that of surface thoughts, the daily conscious thinking that people do in response to the environment. This level of thought is usually the least useful for telepathic communication, but it is the easiest to receive.

Sometimes those thoughts are obvious without telepathy. You see a child's eyes light up and know that he or she is excited and curious about something. Pets show their interest by pointing their eyes and ears. Remember that the communication is telepathic only if you know the thoughts without body language cues.

Broadcast Thoughts

Surface thoughts are easy to read because they are broadcast psychically. You may be talking with a friend, and suddenly both say the same thing at the same time. Or, one person may say something and the other respond, "Hey, I was about to say that!"

This happens because one of the people is "thinking loudly," almost verbalizing his or her surface thoughts by thinking about them openly. These thoughts are the easiest for other people to receive spontaneously. If you don't want anyone receiving these thoughts, you will want to shield them.

Shielded Thoughts

Surface thoughts can be shielded with careful practice. They usually don't need to be shielded because few people will receive them clearly. However, if you associate with many psychic people, you may find that they notice more than you want them to.

Some private thoughts will be unreadable by telepathy regardless. This is human nature; deeply private thoughts stay private. Thoughts about other people may seem to be private but are easily read through telepathy. They are also frequently conveyed through body language, and noticeable even without telepathy.

A person can learn to stop other people from reading any of his or her thoughts. This is usually not worth the effort for a long time, since most people aren't strongly telepathy anyway. However, it can be useful to keep a surprise secret.

Notice as you are reading or thinking how many of the words you are pronouncing in your mind. Any words that you pronounce mentally (even if you don't speak them) are loud thoughts.

You are likely to telepathically broadcast loud thoughts. If you think in pictures and ideas, or keep your mind quiet as you do pronounce words, you will broadcast less.

Observe your thoughts as you read and throughout the day. You will be able to tell the difference between your loud thoughts and your quiet ones. By changing your loud thoughts to quiet thoughts, you can make them less likely to be broadcast.

Deep Thoughts

Exploring a person's thoughts is like wandering a maze of his or her life. Past and present experiences are mixed with thoughts, daydreams, feelings, and pictures. Navigating through the maze for one specific idea can be confusing, but it will get easier with practice.

Thoughts and memories are related by similarity. Start by telepathically asking for a starting point relevant to the information you want.

Some images will appear. Watch for details in them. Focus on ideas related to the information you want. When new images appear, they will bring more information.

Focus in closer until you get to the level of details you need. If certain information you want isn't presented, ask a question about it. ("Show me more about your notebook. What have you written in it?") Follow the ideas that associate usefully with other ideas. You will eventually find a path to the information you want.

Passive and Active Links

There are two ways to make use of a telepathic link, passively and actively. You can watch passively by letting the other person direct where you look and what you see. Or, once you are seeing through his or her eyes, you can watch actively by telepathically suggesting where they should look and what they should do.

The passive way will give you better realistic information about the person's interests. The active way will let you look in more detail at something that was glanced over but not examined. Use passive links just as you would normal receptive telepathy. Use active links as a combination of receptive telepathy and suggestive telepathy.

Telepathic Suggestions

Telepathy can be used to suggest, not just to receive. This has only a minimal effect until the sender is very strong, and even then, it is suggestion only, not a controlling force. It is used mainly to ask questions of the target, to get specific useful answers.

Telepathic suggestions can not be used to make people do things that they would strongly object to. They can be used to ask for simple actions. The easiest types of suggestions are things like, "Scratch your ear," "Drop the pencil," and "Look behind you." Simple, instant, physical commands are much easier than complex commands.

To send a suggestion, create a normal telepathic link, and then think of information traveling from your mind to the target's, instead of vice versa. Formulate your suggestion very clearly. Involve a picture, sound, and concept with it, not just the words of the sentence.

Some people are able to tell when they are being telepathically influenced, and sometimes even recognize who is doing it. Work with a friend who has verbally given you permission to try to influence him or her telepathically. Then you can be sure you aren't offending anyone by doing so.

Disconnecting

Disconnect the same way you would for empathy. Close the link gently and cleanly.

Common Problems

Q: I'm generally having trouble connecting getting information. What's up?

A: Check all the questions in the section on Empathy first. Make sure you're grounded, centered, well connected, and that the other person isn't shielding from you. If you can receive empathically from the person, but not telepathically, then continue with these questions.

Q: Ok, I'm empathically connected, and I can receive emotions clearly. I'm not receiving any images or words though, and I can't direct what I receive.

A: You'll need to practice navigation the person's thoughts. Start by asking, "Why do you feel that way? Tell me or show me," and then listen for an answer. Communicate just like speaking, and gradually visualize the person in his or her surroundings. Then you can look around him or her and see things for yourself. You can also view his or her memories like a video this way.

Q: I can receive but the images make no sense. How can I tell what they mean?

A: They may be literal, or they may be symbolic. Practice will make you more familiar with what to expect. This is just a case of needing more experience; keep trying. Write down everything you do see, even when it doesn't make sense, and afterward compare the results to see if there was a pattern.

Summary

Create and strengthen a link.

Receive or send through the link with detailed images.

Close the link gently.

Success

You can create a link.

You can receive accurate information through it.

You can successfully give simple instructions to the target, and close the link.

Astral Projection

Definition

Astral projection means projecting your awareness to the astral plane.

The astral plane is a world made of energy that can be shaped by thought and emotion. In the astral plane, a person can create objects and communicate with other beings, both humans and spirits.

Remote Viewing is a form of projection, just like astral projection. The difference is that it takes you to a physical location instead of an astral one.

Astral Projection vs. Out of Body Experiences

Astral projection and out of body experiences are not the same.

Leaving the body and astral projection are different forms of travel. The astral plane is one of many places a person can go when out of body or when projecting. Astral projection can happen while still in body and awake.

This book focuses on interacting with the astral plane through visualization. This works while you are awake and not out of body. It will not cover out of body experiences.

Astral projection requires feelings like daydreaming and being creative because they trigger psychic perceptions. You may feel at first that you are imagining

what you see. That's ok. In time, you will change from imagining it to perceiving it accurately.

The level of danger is less than normal physical life. You might run into someone who will get angry with you for no apparent reason. However, as long as you don't go looking for trouble, such occurrences are unlikely. Even if someone doesn't like you, they're unlikely to do anything more than give you a minor headache.

Contrary to some common myths, you can not die from leaving your body or from projection. You can not be trapped out of your body. Demons will not take over your body while you're gone. If you get anxious or stressed, you'll just wake up naturally, like from a nighttime dream.

Visualization Method

Choose an astral place that you would like to visit. Create a place if you think it does not already exist. If you want to visit a friend's astral home, hold the image of your friend, emotionally or visually, in your mind.

Relax and daydream. Think of the place you would like to visit. If other thoughts interfere, notice them, let them go, and return to the picture.

Continue until it becomes very clear. You will use this place as an anchor point to return to later. Become aware of seeing, feeling, and hearing the place, including as many senses as possible.

Stay open to any information that enters your mind, no matter how odd or unrelated it may seem. Some astral places are relatively normal. Others are extremely odd and may change frequently. As you examine each image, use it to find other images. Over time, you will get images more quickly and see more.

Once maintaining the picture is easy, change it somewhat. Add a tree, or move things around; whatever you imagine will change it in that way. Pick up an object and resize it, change its color, change its density, and then return it to normal.

Reshape that area of the astral plane. Practice until you are very comfortable doing this. Learn to change your shape. Walk, fly, swim, and examine the details of many objects.

The next step in astral projection is traveling to places other people have created. You succeed at this when you don't let your preconceptions change your views of them. In some areas, the things people have created maintain themselves so others can not change them. In other areas, your thoughts can change what is actually there.

Uses of Astral Projection

Astral projection is useful for practicing perceptive and creative psychic abilities, especially telepathy. It also works as an energy source to assist healing. It lets you explore concepts that don't fit into the regular world, such as four or five dimensional space.

Exploring other people's astral creations and creating your own can be quite fun. Whatever you can imagine, you can play with on the astral plane.

Soul joining is also possible. Because you can change shape astrally, you can become fog-like. If several people do this, it is possible for them to overlap their soul energy, and eventually their souls.

This can be a very intimate experience emotionally and nearly always creates a strong telepathic connection. It's difficult to remain in the astral plane when doing this if you aren't already good at projecting. For people who are very comfortable projecting and comfortable with each other, it can be a very joyous experience.

Common Problems

Q: I can't keep a clear picture of the astral plane in my mind. It's blurry and not very detailed.

A: You may need to work with an ability other than sight. Try listening and feeling your way around, rather than giving it a visual shape. Also, make sure you aren't being distracted by the physical world around you.

Q: I can get to the astral plane and see it, but I can't move around. I feel like I'm glued down.

A: Sometimes it takes practice to be able to move naturally. Try a second projection. Leave your astral body where it's at, as a shell, and project to a different place in the astral plane. Let the shell just sit there stuck the first few times, and eventually, you will find that movement comes naturally. This can be especially helpful if astrally you can fly but have difficulty walking.

Q: I can't see anything others create. I can only see my own things.

A: This could happen for two reasons. One possibility is that your own expectations are interfering. If so, practice the suggestions given at the beginning of this book for avoiding expectations. The other possibility is that you are not used to viewing other people's energy. Practice with psiballs with

friends, and with aura vision, to help improve your ability to see other people's energy. Other energies feel a bit different, but they are all variations of the energy you can already see.

Q: When I'm trying to actually leave my body, rather than just see the astral plane while awake, I get almost out. But then my heart beat speeds up and I wake back up again.

A: A fast heart rate shows anxiety. Are you nervous about what you are doing? The anxiety could come from many things. If you are afraid of the astral plane, research it more and deal with your fears before trying to project again.

If you aren't afraid of projecting, but still have a lot of anxiety, consider some other possibilities. How will your beliefs change if you succeed? Are you worried about anything that would happen to you, emotionally or mentally, after you succeed? Are you ready for the new experience? How will you handle it? What does it mean to you to succeed? If you are not ready, what would make you ready?

Q: I want to explore the astral plane but I'm afraid it might be dangerous or unhealthy. Something keeps pushing me back in.

A: Your own fears are pushing you back in. Emotions can take form when you are in the astral plane, and you may perceive them as actual blocks to your progress. The only way to defeat fears is to face them, either by experiencing what you are afraid of, or by researching it until you know there is nothing to be afraid of.

The astral plane is less dangerous than the physical world because you can always relocate if a situation isn't good. At worst, you can simply leave the astral plane (with a full shutdown if you wish).

Your fears will not decrease over time unless you continue to learn about astral projection. Keep reading about it, talk with others about their experiences, and practice things yourself. Do it a little at a time so that you are totally comfortable before going ahead.

Like in the Star Wars Jedi training cave, the only threats are your own fears. Face the fears, and they will show that they are illusions.

If you want to feel more prepared for whatever occurs, read the section on maintaining shielding. Some of the ways of dealing with psychic battle (which is uncommon, but occasionally happens) are discussed in that section.

Summary
Choose a location.

Daydream about the location to get there.
Explore and receive.
Practice changing things.
Explore others' areas.
Return to the physical world.

Success

You can create and visit your own astral home.
You can alter your astral home.
You can visit and accurately describe others' astral homes.
You can return to the physical world easily when you choose.

Aura Vision

Definition

An aura is an energy field around something. It contains information about the health of a creature, its emotional and mental state, and many other things. Color, texture, shape, size, and motion of the aura all provide information about the creature or item.

Seeing the Aura

Relax your body, mind, and eyes. Choose an object or person to look at that won't make you nervous. Look gently at the object, focusing your eyes slightly behind it.

Look with your third eye, the psychically sensitive area of your forehead. Close your eyes and feel your focus shift up slightly, so that you seem to be looking out of your forehead. Open your eyes, and your focus shifts back down to normal sight. Open and close your eyes a few times to learn how it feels. Avoid rolling your eyes upward; that will just give you a headache.

Once you are confident of the focus shift, do it gently with your eyes open. Look out of your eyes and your forehead at the same time. This shift of focus awakens psychic vision, which is used to see auras. To see the aura, look gently just past the object, using your eyes to see and keeping your focus lifted to the third eye. When you begin to see lines of color around the object, you need to find out if it's an after-image or an actual aura.

After-Images

After-images are a biological effect of your eyes, caused by eyestrain. Look at

the circle image for at least 30 seconds, and then look at the empty space next to it or a blank wall. The opposite-color image you will see is an after-image.

To prevent after-images, blink often and don't look at one object too long. As you improve, you will see the aura within a few seconds, before after-images appear. When you first see color or lines around an object, look away to make sure it's not an after-image.

To eliminate after-images, close your eyes for a minute or two. When you stop seeing the image on the inside of your eyes, the after-image is gone and you can go back to seeing the aura.

Aura Variations

Auras have many shapes, sizes, colors, and textures. There is no standard interpretation because different people perceive differently.

The best way to discover the meanings of colors and other attributes is to experiment. Read about traditional meanings and use them to decide what the colors mean to you. For instance, someone who is decisive about his personal space may have a clear edge on his aura, a solid, dense energy, and sharp, clear lines.

The aura can affect and be affected by a person's health. If you are interested in learning energy healing, through chakra and aura work, read *Hands of Light* and *Light Emerging* by Barbara Ann Brennan. They are very detailed and well written, and they focus entirely on healing methods.

Practice Techniques

Stay relaxed and calm as you practice. Practice often, but don't tire yourself. Often, the moment you relax and quit trying, you will suddenly see the aura quite clearly. If things aren't working, take a break, do something fun, and try again later when you can be more relaxed and patient.

Aura vision may be easier when you are sleepy because you won't have the energy to force anything. If you have a difficult time letting things happen without forcing them, try once or twice when you are tired or sleepy.

Dim lighting can be helpful so you don't strain your eyes. Put a solid colored background behind the object. Gray, white, brown, and dark colors work well because they are not visually distracting.

Multiple Layers

The aura has multiple layers, like an onion, but with each layer reaching from

the very center of the person outward. Close to the body, all of the layers overlap. Each layer out reaches farther away from the body and becomes less dense, lighter, subtler, and more difficult to see.

First, practice seeing the inner layers. As you improve, let your awareness expand, growing lighter and softer. Reach outward with your aura to feel the aura you are looking at. Feel your vision shifting more strongly toward the third eye and clairvoyance. Remain relaxed and feeling light as your vision expands to include the outer layers.

Common Problems

Q: I can't feel the shift in focus.

A: Relax and keep trying, but gently. If you still have difficulty after a lot of practice, try learning some other psychic skill first to awaken your abilities. This will make aura vision easier to learn.

Q: I can feel a shift in focus but I still can't see anything.

A: Try looking at different energy levels. You may be below or above what you are trying to see. Do this by varying the amount of energy you have in yourself, adding more or letting some go to adjust to different levels. It may feel like getting lighter or heavier. The more you practice, the easier this becomes.

Summary

Relax.

Look gently or feel with your mind.

Shift your focus to looking psychically.

Watch the movements and details of the aura.

Success

You can perceive the aura either visually or in your mind.

You can tell apart details in the aura.

You can see how auras affect personal communication.

Using Psychokinesis

Definition

Psychokinesis, less often called telekinesis, is the ability to move or affect matter with your mind. This includes all forms of affecting dice rolls,

levitation, teleportation, etc.

Research has shown that psychokinesis does exist in some people. For details of scientific experiments, refer to the Journal of Parapsychology, in most large libraries. Most studies are done using random number generators, to get measurable effects. There are a few rare cases of objects levitating, vanishing, and other large occurrences, but these are notoriously hard to repeat and study.

This section investigates the causes, beliefs, and reality surrounding psychokinesis. It doesn't claim you can learn psychokinesis overnight, or even at all. If you have not learned any other ability yet, don't start with psychokinesis. Encourage your belief and experience by learning another first. Other abilities, especially ones such as empathy, are more easily accepted and learned. Then psychokinesis will be much easier.

Micro Psychokinesis

Affecting random numbers is called micro psychokinesis. It works on small events, and its results are only noticeable after collecting a large amount of data. This is the more common kind of psychokinesis.

A student practicing usually obtains better results with micro psychokinesis, because it's more easily caused, counted, studied, and believed. This doesn't lend itself to flamboyant demonstrations, but it is scientifically valid and quite real.

Macro Psychokinesis

Macro psychokinesis, which means making objects move or fly, is less common and more difficult to study in a research lab. It takes much longer to learn.

Learning Psychokinesis

The steps for doing psychokinesis are quite straightforward.

1. Remove all disbelief. "Do or do not. There is no try."
2. Choose the goal you want. This could be a dice roll, a hand of cards, or whatever.
3. Visualize that goal very strongly, being very confident that it can and will happen exactly as you want it to. "My will be done!"
4. Shuffle the cards, roll the dice, or do whatever is necessary to pick the event.
5. Check your results. Keep practicing.

Practice

Pay attention to your mood, distractions, day dreaming, beliefs, doubts,

questions, and ideas. Practice with your eyes open or closed. Experiment with getting results immediately or later. Learn how each affects your results. Try working with objects that are already moving; it may be easier.

If you think a doubt interfered with getting your goal, then try again, and focus more on being confident. When you can clearly, confidently, and repeatedly visualize the goal you want, you will get better results. Encourage yourself. Celebrate your progress. Relax and rest.

Good results help overcome the rest of your doubts. The more you overcome the doubts, the easier it'll be to continue improving. This is one reason that practicing lots of micro psychokinesis will tend to help more than attempting macro psychokinesis. You can get good results a little at a time.

Doubt and Belief

Psychokinesis forces matter to match your thoughts. Therefore, thoughts of disbelief won't work, only thoughts of belief will. Because it is so important, most of the necessary learning relates to believing. Faith can move mountains (well, dice at least).

Psychokinesis does exist. Normal people do it. People who've gained control of the ability have no reason to believe that it doesn't exist. They've experienced it, and know that it exists. Society's disbelief no longer matters to them. Society's disbelief won't matter to you, either, once you've seen it with your own eyes and done it yourself.

Overcoming Doubts

You can overcome doubts by identifying them precisely, and then one by one challenging the incorrect beliefs. Once you make the challenge statements, repeat them to break the old habit and create a new supportive one.

Stating a new idea once or a few times isn't enough to change your inner beliefs. This usually takes a few months of repetition. There's no quick way to reprogram a thought habit.

If you haven't read the section at the beginning about beliefs, do so now. If you read it but don't remember much, reread it. Pay attention to the fears and challenge statements.

Any belief you have which you want to change, you can, by finding a logical challenge statement that directly contradicts the incorrect belief. This works for any area of life. When you choose what to believe based on a rational view of reality, your inner beliefs will gradually change to match the new view.

The methods just discussed can reprogram your habits to support a more realistic view of the world. It takes time, but it is necessary for success.

Results

People learning psychokinesis may find they explain away good results as chance, if they are doubtful, or accept the slightest variations as proof if they are overly enthusiastic. Both these trends should be kept in mind when looking over results. Statistical methods exist to show the probability that psychokinesis was involved. The methods are detailed in the statistics and measurement section below.

Someone with intense doubts may score a statistically valid score, but in the wrong direction for the experiment, or significantly less than chance. Similarly, a person who is confident, focused, concentrating comfortably, and enthusiastic may be able to produce consistent good scores.

In this way, success tends to create more success, and failure tends to create more failure. Each is a reinforcement of a belief. Challenge statements may be needed to overcome a trend of failure before it becomes too much of a habit. This can be frustrating, but success doesn't happen overnight. It happens by learning from failure.

Common Problems

Doubt: Reread this section. Other: You should have experience with previous skills by now; use that knowledge to figure it out.

Summary

Fix your beliefs so that disbelief will no longer interfere.

Choose the goal you want.

Visualize that goal very strongly.

Pick the event.

Check the outcome.

Practice, practice, practice. And did I mention, practice?

Success

If practicing micro psychokinesis, you can affect random number generators consistently.

If practicing macro psychokinesis, you can move objects on purpose when you choose.

Practice Month Two

Psychokinesis and its Effects

Effects of Psychokinesis

Chance Variations

The most common effects of psychokinesis are small variations in chance, such as dice rolls, card shuffles, and influence on electronics. These can help a person win a board game. They can force variation in a random number generator. They sometimes cause electronic equipment malfunctions, and often happen without us realizing it.

Retro Psychokinesis

Psychokinesis can also work backward in time.

The experiment uses a random number generator to produce a set of 1's and 0's and records them on floppy disk. While it occurs, a person is trying to force the results using PK. Another person then looks at the numbers to see whether there are more of a number than expected. Like the flip of a fair coin, there should be about half of each result.

In one form of the experiment, a person with PK is told to force 1's before the generator runs. Then it runs, a person checks the results, and the person has successfully forced extra 1's. This is normal cause and effect, as we understand it.

In the second form of the experiment, the number generator runs first and the results are recorded on floppy disk. Then afterward, the person is told whether to force it to produce extra 1's or extra 0's. The person makes an effort, and then someone looks at the already recorded results to see if it worked. And, it does a scientifically significant amount of time. Since the floppy hasn't been touched, the results must have been there all along, in the direction asked for.

No one, including top scientists, has been able to explain how that works. All they can prove is that it does work a significant number of times. For more details, look for studies on retro-psychokinesis in scientific parapsychology journals.

Levitation

Levitating objects is possible though rare. This can either be straight up, or moving the object across the room. For reasons probably tied to beliefs, this rarely happens when people are watching. Sometimes, though, a person will turn around just in time to see the object drop. It may account for some objects

relocating across the room when no one moved them (this happens to a large number of people, in cases where it couldn't be just forgetfulness).

In my experience, objects spontaneously levitated or moved when I was daydreaming. Typically, I was relaxed, dreamy, unfocused, and mentally energetic. I don't know how long objects levitated. I only noticed them once they fell down with a bang. Other than general mood, I haven't discovered any details for causing movement on purpose.

Chimes rang indoors without wind, repeatedly (and just one chime at a time, not the whole set). A pan floated straight up and then dropped back down onto the same shelf. A cordless phone moved to a different corner of the room while I was awake in it but not watching. A spiral handset phone cord floated in the air in front of my eyes, until I thought, "That can't float!" at which point it promptly dropped to the floor. Some of these happened with friends in the room, and they agreed with my observations. I haven't learned to control them yet, though.

Teleportation

Teleportation, which means an object vanishes in one place and reappears somewhere else, is reported occasionally but is extremely rare. Since I don't have the ability, I can't teach it. I mention it here to help people research it.

Search carefully through parapsychology journals and publications. There are stories of psychic Chinese children who can cause flowers, pills, and other small objects to teleport on cue. There are stories of a Scottish man from hundreds of years ago showing up in Europe in the 1990s, very confused about what happened to his farm. There are stories of mediums who conjure small objects during seances.

Some of these have been researched in detail. Some are just reported as case studies. Because they aren't repeatable in a lab, they're difficult to verify and prove. Also, it's very difficult to get studies of such controversial topics published in the United States. Search for psychic studies from Europe, Australia, Canada, China, and Russia.

Causes of Psychokinesis

Random Manifestations of Micro Psychokinesis

Psychokinesis most often manifests spontaneously and accidentally as microPK. The person may not notice microPK. Strongly wanting a dice roll or a particular hand of cards, can cause microPK to happen. This may account for a person's good luck or bad luck.

Random manifestation comes from a strong emotional desire. The desire motivates the ability, which then works subconsciously to bring about the goal.

Random Manifestations of Macro Psychokinesis

The other emotional state that often causes psychokinesis is high adrenaline. This can be anger, fear/terror, frustration, excitement, or pleasure.

Adrenaline psychokinesis can manifest in a big way: objects moving around, electronic equipment breaking, or a glass shattering. While this is impressive, it's usually not repeatable. It usually scares the person involved, although it's unlikely to hurt anyone.

This is also the ability sometimes responsible for poltergeist effects in homes. The poltergeist effects center around one person with an undisciplined psychokinetic ability and usually a lot of emotional upset and stress. The psychokinetic activity may be a way of releasing some of the stress or making it more obvious so it gets solved.

This may not account for all such cases, but it is the reason behind some of them. People who have troublesome psychokinetic activity should contact an agency with a good reputation in parapsychology - ask for their history and references - and get assistance there.

Random psychokinesis shows that the person does have a natural ability towards psychokinesis. If the person wants to do so, she or he may work on gaining control of the ability, and causing it on purpose in the intended fashion. Even if a person has not had random psychokinesis before, if he or she is willing to let it happen, it may eventually do so.

Intentional Manifestations of Micro Psychokinesis

Psychokinesis can also manifest on purpose. The easiest to study is micro psychokinesis affecting random number generators (RNGs) because scientists can measure the effect. Psychic research labs have identified people who can consistently affect RNGs.

Computer programs are becoming a possibility for an at-home lab with as much or almost as much control as a scientific lab. The best of these programs use true random numbers, generated from special hardware. Simpler programs use pseudo-random numbers, which can have patterns or repetition in them, and are harder or impossible to affect.

A cheap route to practicing micro psychokinesis is to use a fair die. See the section Statistics and the Z-Score for detailed experiments and how to

interpret the results.

Intentional Manifestations of Macro Psychokinesis

Some people can also manifest macro psychokinesis on purpose. Most will not demonstrate it, or even let anyone else know they can do it. They would be harassed about the ability if they did. Don't expect any demonstrations.

In many cases, these people had random macro psychokinesis manifestations, and eventually discovered how to control them. They may not understand the ability or be able to teach it. Some methods for learning macro psychokinesis are discussed later in this page. Since few people can learn it easily, they aren't as tried and practiced as the other skills in this book.

A very large part of learning macro psychokinesis is belief. If a person believes that it can't happen, it won't. If they believe it might happen, then it might. If they can fully believe that it will happen, it will.

This is covered and explained in more details in the belief section. Disbelief is why macro psychokinesis is one of the more rare psychic abilities. It takes a lot to overcome the initial disbelief enough to manifest the ability a few times. Just like any other psychic ability, it can be learned if approached correctly.

Statistics and the Z-Score

Random Chance

A 6-sided fair die is equally likely to roll any of the numbers on it. So, the chance of rolling a particular number is 1 out of 6: it will show up approximately once out of every six rolls. Out of 30 rolls, a certain number would show up approximately 5 times.

If a number shows up much more or much less than that, then either the die is not fair (trick dice? weighted?), or something else, such as psychokinesis, is affecting the roll.

Having the correct number show up extra often is called psi hitting. It's also possible to have the correct number show up much too rarely, and this is called psi missing, meaning that psychic abilities cause you to miss more often than chance. It's just as important in studies as psi hitting, since it's still affecting the roll.

If you have a lot of psi missing, check that your thoughts are clear and free of doubts, and then try again. Sometimes an ability will just work backward of what's intended, and changing your approach can fix that.

Scientific Significance

The test of scientific significance measures how significant a certain result is. This is a common scientific method of proving a given theory based on experimental results.

It gives a percentage likelihood that the results of the experiment are due only to random chance. If there is less than a 5% chance that the results are due to random chance, then it is accepted as scientifically significant, meaning that the results could be due to psychic abilities.

The math behind it is somewhat complex, so the experiments listed on the following pages have simple tables to check your results. You won't need to do any math for them.

As an example, the significance test says that on 30 dice rolling trials, 8 or more rolls of the same number, or less than 2 rolls of the same number, are proof that something special is happening. That would mean that either the person is using trick dice, or psychic abilities are affecting the rolls.

For Science and Math People

If you are interested in more detailed math, the full z-score and probability formulas are available in the appendix of this book, with a description of how to use them. Also, check the Journal of Parapsychology for their statistical methods, which are much more detailed.

If you want to do more advanced analysis of your experiments, keep a list of exactly what the target was, and what your actual answer was. Write your name and the date on every experiment result. Keep all your results, even the ones that you think you did badly on. Then find a professor of statistics or parapsychology and explain that you've done some experiments and you'd like to learn how to analyze the results. Most will be willing to help you out if you're patient and friendly.

Experimental Requirements

The explanation given here is for the purpose of doing simple parapsychology experiments at home. The charts will give you accurate results, as long as you are following the rules about how to use them. You can do different experiments from those listed, as long as chance is the same as listed here.

1. Chance needs to be one choice out of a set, with each choice equally likely.
2. You need to do enough trials to be able to use the chart. This is listed under each experiment. In general, you need enough trials to make the number correct by chance

be at least five. So if chance is $1/4$, you need to do at least 20 trials, so chance would be 5 correct. If chance is $1/6$, you need to do 30 trials, so chance is 5 correct.

3. You need to keep track of how many answers were correct and how many incorrect.

Dice Experiment

Preparation

If you are using a normal die, chance is $1/6$ because there are six sides. The table below gives probability values for any results with chance $1/6$. You will be making 36 rolls.

You will be doing one set to test the die and another set to try out psychokinesis. The method for each is the same. It's important that you test the die first, so that if it's lopsided, you can find a better one to practice with.

Experiment

Here you will be trying to roll a 3. (You can pick any number, but these instructions will assume 3 for now.) Roll a single die, and record whether it came up as a 3. Repeat this for all 36 rolls. At the end, count how many 3's you had and find that number in the "Correct" column in the chart.

Results

If you are just testing the die, it should roll anywhere from four to eight 3's during that time. If it rolls differently from that, it's probably not a fair die. Try using a different one, especially a new one. If you are testing your psychokinetic ability, you need zero, one, or eleven, or more 3's to prove that you did it. If you get more than thirteen 3's, then you've really proven it.

Probability Chart for $1/6$ with 36 trials

Code: [Select]

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Correct	Probability	Meaning	
	Value		
-----+-----+-----			
0	Less than 1%	Very	
		special	
-----+-----+-----			
1	Between 1% and	Definitely	
	5%	special	
-----+-----+-----			

2	Between 5% and 10%	Maybe special	
3	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance	
4	Between 30% and 50%	Random chance	
5	Between 50% and 70%	Random chance	
6	Between 99% and 100%	Random chance	
7	Between 50% and 70%	Random chance	
8	Between 30% and 50%	Random chance	
9	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance	
10	Between 5% and 10%	Maybe special	
11	Between 1% and 5%	Definitely special	
12-36	Less than 1%	Very special	

Probability Chart for 1/6, with other trials

Code: [Select]

Number of Trials	Chance of 1/6	Necessary Correct for Significance	
		No more than <=	Or at least >=

30	5	1	11
36	6	1	11
48	8	2	14
60	10	4	16
96	16	8	24
120	20	12	28
300	50	37	63
600	100	82	118
1200	200	174	226

Telepathy Experiment

Preparation

If you want to use a traditional ESP card deck with 5 shapes, or a set of 5 photos, chance is 1/5 because there are 5 cards. The table below gives probability values for any results with chance 1/5.

The sender and receiver each need paper. You will be doing 30 trials. Record the time, your results, and whether you are sending or receiving, so you can match the results later.

The sender needs to choose which photo will be sent for each trial. In order for chance to stay 1/5, shuffle the stack of cards for each trial and draw one at random.

Experiment

The sender says the number of the trial (1-30), then selects and concentrates on a card. The receiver writes down which card it was and says, "Next." The sender should say the number before picking the card, so that voice intonation doesn't give anything away.

At the end, compare results and count the number of correct answers. Then find

that number in the "Correct" column of the chart.

Probability Chart for 1/5 with 30 trials

Code: [Select]

+-----+		
Correct	Probability Value	Meaning
-----+		
0	Less than 1%	Very special
-----+		
1	Between 1% and 5%	Definitely special
-----+		
2	Between 5% and 10%	Maybe special
-----+		
3	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance
-----+		
4	Between 30% and 50%	Random chance
-----+		
5	Between 50% and 70%	Random chance
-----+		
6	Between 99% and 100%	Random chance
-----+		
7	Between 50% and 70%	Random chance
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8	Between 30% and 50%	Random chance
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9	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance
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10	Between 5% and 10%	Maybe special
-----+		
11	Between 1% and 5%	Definitely special
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12-30	Less than 1%	Very

		special
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Probability Chart for 1/5, with other trials
Code: [Select]

Number of Trials	Chance 1/5	Necessary for Significance	Correct
		No more than <=	Or at least >=
25	5	1	9
30	6	1	11
50	10	4	16
75	13	6	20
100	20	12	28
200	40	28	52
500	100	82	118
1000	200	175	225

Playing Card Experiment

Preparation

If you want to use a deck of playing cards and only consider the suit, change is 1/4 because there are 4 suits. The table below gives probability values for any results with chance 1/4.

Each person takes a piece of paper, and writes the numbers 1-24 on it. You will be doing 24 trials. Also put your name, the date, and the time on it.

Shuffle a deck of cards several times.

Experiment

Close your eyes and shuffle the deck of cards. At some point, stop shuffling. Decide which suit the top card is, and write it down. Then turn over the card, and record the actual suit. For the next trial, shuffle the deck again (this assures that chance stays $1/4$).

At the end, compare results and count the number of correct answers. Then find that number in the "Correct" column of the chart.

Probability Chart for $1/4$ with 24 trials

Code: [Select]

+-----+		
Correct	Probability Value	Meaning
+-----+		
0	Between 1% and 5%	Definitely special
+-----+		
1	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance
+-----+		
2	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance
+-----+		
3	Between 50% and 70%	Random chance
+-----+		
4	Between 99% and 100%	Random chance
+-----+		
5	Between 50% and 70%	Random chance
+-----+		
6	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance
+-----+		
7	Between 10% and 30%	Random chance
+-----+		
8	Between 1% and 5%	Definitely special
+-----+		
9	Less than 1%	Very

			special	
10-24	Much less than	Very		
	1%	special		

Probability Chart for 1/4, any trials
Code: [Select]

Number of Trials	Chance 1/5	Necessary for Significance	Correct
		No more than <=	Or at least >=
20	5	0	9
24	6	1	11
40	10	4	16
80	20	12	28
100	25	16	34
200	50	38	62
400	100	83	117
1000	250	223	277

Magick

Definition

Magick, in this context, refers to using rituals, objects, or habits to cause changes, either in a person's mind and attitude, or in the world. It may involve invoking a higher power to do work for you, or using a ritual to bring forth power within you to do work.

Some religions use magical ceremonies for blessings, rites of passage, and

recognition. Examples would be baptism, communion, weddings and hand-fastings, prayers, rain dances, and some superstitions.

Traditions

The traditions around magick vary greatly. Most Christian traditions have magical ceremonies of various sorts, conducted by the priest or pastor, and involving sometimes an entire congregation. They may not be referred to as magick, but the rites fit the definition, involve God's power in some way, and have a purpose in the minds of the people involved.

Most Christian traditions restrict the use of magick to only religious officials, and only in the ways defined by the church. They discourage general people from pursuing psychic perceptions, and especially from practicing ritual magick without the church.

Other religions, such as Wicca, are much more open about who can use magick. Wicca is a nature-loving religion with a God and a Goddess. Its basic message is as long as you harm no one, do whatever you want. It supports the use of rituals to help you think differently, to accomplish things, and accepts the existence of psychic perception.

There are many other religions that support psychic abilities and ritual magick.

Magick and Psi

Magick and psychic abilities are related but somewhat different. Psychic abilities come entirely from within, and are generally under the control of the person involved. Magick can come from within or from other sources, and may or may not be entirely controlled.

They are two similar but different ways of causing changes in the world. They often work well together, because ritual is especially helpful for setting a mood that psi will work in.

Giving Readings

Definition

Giving psychic readings to friends can be fun. This includes all methods of telling the future, describing the past, learning about a distant place, practicing telepathy, and any other psychic use you can imagine.

Responsibility

Decide, before starting, how much responsibility you are taking for what the person does with the information.

Is it "for entertainment purposes only?" Do you expect your advice to be followed? Do you want your advice to be followed, or just noted and observed? How confident are you of what you are saying? If what you are saying is wrong, how will you expect the person to respond to you?

There are no wrong answers, just consider the questions before you start giving readings. Make your expectations clear to the person receiving the reading. You can place as much or as little importance as you want on the your answers, as long as you communicate the importance.

Reasons

Consider, also, the reasons you want to give readings. This isn't to determine right and wrong reasons; it's just to understand what your goals are.

Do you want to:
practice perceiving?
help people out?
encourage discussion?
prove that psi exists?
test your abilities for yourself?
have fun?
try something new?
feel closer to people?
understand the world or people better?
learn?

Once you've determined why you want to do readings, you'll have a much clearer idea of what you're aiming for. You can keep your reasons totally to yourself. It just helps you to understand them.

Confidence

Confidence is very important when giving readings. It helps prevent anxiety, and keep you relaxed. This is the main reason readings are classified as Advanced rather than Beginner.

To stay confident, avoid verification until the end of the reading. It prevents comments from distracting you or making you analyze too soon. After you have given all the information you can, then the person getting the reading can verify how much seemed accurate.

Methods

There are many methods for doing readings, such as runes, tarot, dice, cards, I Ching, angel oracle, freeform telepathy, and others. Learn the history and common uses of a method before using it. Anything that gives you good results is a good choice.

Verification and Proof

Regardless of the method used, once the information is recorded, it's useful to determine which parts were correct. You should only do this after all impressions are recorded, so it doesn't influence the results.

Check details carefully, for colors, sizes, shapes, similarities, word sounds, and other things that may match. Watch out for the extremely general things that don't provide useful information. "You will have difficulty tomorrow" is too general. "You will have trouble with your car at lunch time" is not general; it's very specific and easily proven.

It's ok to be inaccurate at first. You will improve with time and practice. Give at least three months of readings before deciding whether you are generally accurate or not. If possible, keep records of each reading and how much of it proved correct. That way, you can see your progress over time.

Summary

Identify the purpose of the reading and questions.

Choose a method for giving the reading.

Use the method by its instructions.

Check accuracy after completely finished.

Games and Practical Uses II

Combining Abilities

Practical uses of psychic abilities rarely involve only one ability. For that reason, I'm grouping together the abilities that are frequently used together, and listing some of their common uses. There will always be more uses for them than I can list; be creative, try things, and see what works for you.

Aura Vision and Aura Healing

These abilities can show the emotional state and overall health of a person, animal, or plant. They can help diagnose medical problems, areas needing attention or energy, relieve cramps, assi

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Was this an astral projection???

That depends on your choice of definition. The definition Skywind uses here for astral projection will not necessarily equal the definition used by other authors elsewhere, since there are a wide variety of definitions for that single term.

One good test to make sure your projection experience is a genuine psi experience is to use it to observe something that you would not otherwise know about. This will help you identify real experiences, so I recommend this highly.

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Appendix B: Z-SCORE and Probability

There are four important statistics regarding the experiments described in this book. They are arithmetic mean, standard deviation, z-score, and probability. This section discusses each in detail, including how to calculate them.

Arithmetic Mean

Arithmetic mean, or average, is (in this situation) the number of hits expected by chance alone.

Mean = (Total trials) * (Chance expressed as a fraction)

For instance, if there are 30 total trials, and there are 5 cards, then chance is $1/5$. The mean is $30 * (1/5) = 30/5 = 6$. If there are 78 trials, and 5 cards, the mean is $78 * (1/5) = (78 / 5) = 15.6$.

Standard Deviation

Standard deviation describes the amount that scores would vary by naturally. It is directly based on the chance value for the situation. The formula here is used only when chance is a known value, such as $1/4$, or $1/5$, or some other

fraction.

Standard Deviation = square root (mean / 2)

For example, if there are 30 trials, and 1/5 is chance, the mean is 6. To calculate the standard deviation, take the mean divided by two = $6/2 = 3$, and find the square root of that. The square root of 3 is 1.73. Therefore, one standard deviation is 1.73.

If there are 78 trials, and 1/5 is chance, the mean is 15.6. That divided by two = $15.6 / 2 = 7.8$. The square root of 7.8 is 2.79. Therefore, one standard deviation is 2.79.

Z-Score

Z-Score describes how far a score is away from the mean, measured in standard deviations. For the score line below, assume 30 trials, chance 1/5, mean 6. Each section marked SD measure the distance of 1 standard deviation.

If you actually got 1 hit, instead of the expected 6 hits, your score would be about 3 standard deviations away. That would mean your z-score was 3. The z-score can be a decimal value, rather than just an integer (for the score of 4 hits, as an example). The formula for calculating it exactly is as follows.

$$\text{Z-score} = (\text{Actual hits obtained} - \text{Expected Mean}) / (\text{standard deviation})$$

So in this case, $\text{z-score} = (1 - 6) / 1.73 = -5 / 1.73 = -2.89$. The negative sign indicates that you got fewer hits than expected; you psi-missed instead of psi-hit. The value of the z-score is more important than the direction.

The z-score becomes a more accurate measure as the number of trials gets large. It's best used when the mean is at least 10, and all the better if the mean is in the thousands (such as with computerized random number generators). Since the amount of effect that PK has been studied to have is somewhere between 1 in 100 bits, to 1 in 1000 bits, it's best if you can do several hundred trials with a random number generator, in order to measure your effect.

Probability of Z-Score

Probability of the Z-score is the percentage chance of that z-score being due to random chance alone, and not to your efforts. It is the measuring stick of proof for scientific experiments. You need a 5% probability or less that the results are due to chance, in order to have proven an effect. Some experiments have even more rigorous requirements; a probability of 1%, or of 0.1% as proof.

You must get down at least to 5% to begin with.

The actual probability formula involves calculus and would be difficult to explain here. Instead, I've provided a table showing the important range of z-scores and probability values. Two important significance levels: a z-score of 1.65 or greater means the probability is 5% or less. A z-score of 2.33 or greater means the probability is 1% or less.

Formula Summary

Mean = (Total trials) * (Chance expressed as a fraction)

Standard Deviation = square root (mean / 2)

Z-score = (Actual hits obtained - Expected Mean) / (standard deviation)

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The following glossary defines these terms as they are used within the paradigm of psi. Some of these terms have different, yet similar definitions in other paradigms, but this glossary focuses on the usage within psi.

Actualization - The final step in which a psi effect is made to actually occur.

Analytical Overlay (AO) - Cognitive noise or imagination which interferes with accurate reception of information with psi.

Astral Plane - See "Psi Domain".

Astral Projection (AP) - See "Psionic Projection".

Block - A mental, constructual, or energetic condition which interferes with the ability to perform a psi ability.

Broadcast - The psi energy emitted from a person, place, or object which could be passively sensed.

Clairaudience - Hearing a current event using psi.

Clairvoyance - Visualizing a current event using psi.

Connecting - Establishing a conceptual conduit through which psi energy can flow to another person, place, or thing.

Conceptual Domain - The domain of existence in which constructs, intents, and ideas manifest and interact.

Construct - A conceptual structure which gives form and properties to psi energy, through which psi energy flows, and which manifests the intent of the psion.

Domains - The conceptual, energetic, and physical domains are the three major interacting divisions of existence.

Empathy - The telepathic perception of emotions.

Enchant - To attach a psi construct to a physical object.

Energetic Domain - The domain of existence in which the various types and substances of energy interact.

Energy - In the context of psi, the essence through which all psi information travels, and through which all psi effects are performed.

Ethereal Projection (EP) - See "Soul Separation".

Extra Sensory Perception (ESP) - Receiving information through the use of psi.

Filter - To remove constructs or to cleanse of constructs.

Focal Mediation - A form of meditation in which one focuses completely on one specific thing.

Future Selection - Causing an effect with psi by the process of choosing and actualizing a future.

Ground - To cleanse the psi energy in a person or area.

Intent - The mental impetus which specifies the desired effect of a psi ability.

Internal Overlay - A condition impairing the performance of psi in which the psion is only emulating the steps for performance of psi in the brain without actual usage of the soul to perform psi.

Kinet - To bring about a change in the physical domain using psi.

Kinesis - The use of psi to cause a change in the physical domain.

Kinetics - The category of psi abilities in which an effect is caused in the physical domain.

Linking - [See Connecting]

Macropsychokinesis (Macro PK) - Psychokinesis which causes directly observable results.

Meditate - To enter a controlled mental state.

Micropsychokinesis (Micro PK) - Psychokinesis which causes results only observable through statistical analysis.

Mind - The combined essence of ones cognitive abilities and spiritual essence. The union of the brain and the soul.

Out of Body Experience (OBE / OOBE) - See "Soul Separation".

Parapsychology - The scientific study of psi.

Physical Domain - The conventional domain of existence which extends throughout length, width, height, and time.

Precognition - Using psi to perceive a future event without prior knowledge of its occurrence.

Psi - 1. Mental abilities which interact with the physical world without the use of the five senses or the physical body. 2. Of or pertaining to these abilities. 3. The energy used to perform these abilities.

Psi Domain - The union of the conceptual and energetic domains.

Psiball - A spherical construct of psi energy.

Psion - One who performs psi.

Psionic - Of or pertaining to psi.

Psionic Projection - The extension of the self into the psi domain, with interaction occurring within the psi domain.

Psionics - The art, study, and philosophy of psi.

Psychic - 1. Pertaining to mental abilities which interact with the physical world without the use of the five senses or the physical body. 2. One who is capable of such actions.

Psychokinesis (PK) - See "Kinesis".

Psychometry - The use of psi to receive information relating to an object or the owner of an object while having physical contact with the object.

Remote Viewing (RV) - Performing clairvoyance according to a specific experimental protocol.

Retrocognition - Using psi to perceive a past event without prior knowledge of its occurrence.

Scanning - Using psi to receive information about a person, place, or thing.

Sensing - The category of psi abilities in which information is received.

Shield - A psi construct which blocks other psi effects or perceptions.

Soul - The part of ourselves which performs psi, which separates from the body during out of body experiences, and which continues existing after the death of the physical body.

Soul Separation - Leaving the physical body with the soul such that the center of being, awareness, and presence is outside the physical body, and all perception is viewed from outside the physical body. Soul separation takes place in the physical domain, and is also called an "Out of Body Experience".

Spell - 1. A complex psi intent, often similar to future selection. 2. A triggered event utilizing psi abilities.

Telekinesis (TK) - See "Kinesis".

Telepathic suggestion - Using psi to implant information or ideas in one or more peoples' minds, usually without their conscious awareness.

Telepathy (TP) - The direct exchange of ideas and information between two or more minds.

Trigger - 1. A construct which causes a psi effect to occur under a certain condition. 2. A mental stimulus which helps one form a specific psi construct.

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An excellent compendium. The only thing I can see that's slightly incorrect is the definition for "parapsychology", being that it isn't just the scientific study of *only* psi, but any paranormal phenomena. Useful.

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I find that parapsychology is mostly used to refer primarilly to the study of mental or psychological abilities beyond the conventional. While dictionary.com and wikipedia definitions aren't always the most accurate for terms in this field, in this case they do agree with the psi definition, although worded in their own way. In addition, this lets the

term remain a bit better defined than referencing the paranormal, since the word paranormal is unfortunately defined more in terms of what it is not, rather than what it is. I intend to update this list with time as I find better definitions and find new words that need added.

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This article is intended to clear up the common misconceptions which exist about the

nature and mechanisms of psi. This article first disputes common ideas about psi which are contradicted by the scientific evidence, and then attempts to present a more reasonable description of how psi operates. The proposed description corresponds to the experiences of performing psi, and does not contradict the scientific evidence about the properties of psi.

Psi and Electromagnetism

The strongest pieces of evidence that psi is not electromagnetic are the following items from controlled studies (all of which can be found in the scientific literature at a good library, or you can check the references at the end *):

1. Psi cannot be shielded by a faraday cage, lead wall, concrete wall, or by large amounts of dirt. Electromagnetic radiation, by comparison, is shielded by each of these.
2. Psi does not change in effectiveness or targetting with distance. Electromagnetic radiation, by comparison, weakens in strength by one over the distance squared, or in the case of directed radiation suffers an identical weakening of aiming.
3. Psi does not change in effectiveness when the subject and target are placed forward or backward in time with respect to each other. Electromagnetic radiation, by comparison, only ever moves forward in time from source to destination.

The two most common misconceptions seem to be, firstly, that ultra low frequency electromagnetic radiation fits the scientific evidence. It of course does not. It does remedy most of the problems with item 1 above, but does not at all address items 2 and 3. The second common misconception is that somehow "biochemical", "bioelectric", or "biomagnetic" energy can remedy these problems. This is not the case, because each of these three things are nothing more than electromagnetic interaction in living objects, and thus are subject to the same conditions as above.

All of currently known physics consists of four known forces, the strong, weak, electromagnetic, and gravitational forces. Not one of these four forces even closely fits the known scientific evidence of how psi functions. As a consequence, it must be concluded that psi functions by means of a medium which is not due to one of these four forces. At present, no accepted theory exists in physics which can accomodate these properties. In order for physics to explain the mechanism of psi, it will need to expand beyond its current level of knowledge.

Psi and the Brain

In addition, I would like to address the often proposed theory that psi is a function of the physical brain. First, the most obvious counterargument for this is that the physical brain is a biochemical organism which processes information by electrochemical impulses. Thus the entirety of the brain's function is electromagnetic, and falls directly

under the conditions described above which prohibit psi from being due to electromagnetism.

The second counterargument for psi as a function of the physical brain is that information in psi seems to be received and transmitted at a conceptual level, rather than exclusively at a linguistic or visual level. In order to explain this as a function of the physical brain, there would have to be something fundamental about the wiring of each concept in each person, yet we know from neuroscience that there are enormous variations in how concepts are stored in each brain. Each concept is stored as a collection of neurons throughout the brain being activated simultaneously, and which collection of neurons are activated is different for each person. As a consequence, the brain does not have a conceptual standard for relaying this information. Therefore, psi information must be relayed by something which can convey conceptual information directly, and this is not the brain.

So What is Psi?

The essence of the human mind can be divided into two categories, the physical brain (an electrochemical organism) and a non-physical component which is not restricted to spatiotemporal interaction. The standard English term for the non-physical component of the self is the "soul", and by the above argument it must be this non-physical component which is responsible for psi.

I define the soul as "the part of ourselves which performs psi, which separates from the body during out of body experiences, and which continues existing after the death of the physical body."

From the conditions imposed by out of body experiences, we know that the soul must be separable from the body. In addition, from the experiments involving use of psi across distances and across time, we know that the soul must be able to extend and relocate itself throughout space and time without regard for the amount of intervening distance or time, and without regard for any physical barriers placed in between two positions.

From the understanding of how telepathy functions, it can be deduced that the soul is capable of processing conceptual information, yet in a significantly different way than the brain processes information. A thorough understanding of this can only be achieved by experiencing it, but a rudimentary description can be made. The brain processes information by considering options, weighing lessons learned from past experiences, and then eventually a response becomes active. By comparison the soul becomes shaped by the experiences of living, and decisions in the soul just "are".

The soul can be considered to be more "us" than the brain, as the soul is the more lasting and central component of our identity. This is similar to the argument which says that the brain is more "us" than the arm.

The abilities of psi: sensing the world, changing the world, and communicating with others, are all exclusively performed by the soul. However, the physical brain has a key role in this, as it holds the conscious and subconscious thoughts which shape, direct, and interpret the performance of psi.

When psi is performed in a controlled manner, the psion forms an intent or plan in the conscious mind, and then forms this intent in the soul, perhaps with the assistance of the subconscious mind. In the case of the sensing abilities, the soul receives conceptual input which is then passed into the physical brain for interpretation by the brain. Psi abilities can also occur in a less controlled fashion, as the soul, being more central to who we are, can perform psi without the instruction or guidance of the brain.

In either case, however, the actual performance of psi is done by the soul, and the brain is left to guide and interpret the soul, just as the soul in turn guides and learns from the brain.

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Rated 3 for leaving out facts, and taking one side over another, you seem to have your idea of psi set in stone, and will not accept anything else.

in point 1) none of those things block out the entire EMR spectrum.

in point 2) there is plenty of explanation for that, including everything is connected to everything else, quantum mechanics/physics.

in point 3) past, present, and future, all occur in the same instance.

Oh yes, psi could be EMR, if so, like light, it could have a dualistic nature, like how sometimes light behaves like a wave, and sometimes like a particle.

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October 11, 2004, 02:02:03 AMReply #2
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The True Nature of Psi

Athiril: Your rebuttal #1 is addressed immediately below that section of the article. Your rebuttals #2 and #3 do not correspond to actual physics. Entanglement of particles with each other ends upon contact with the surrounding environment, and entanglement cannot pass information superluminally (see EPR experiment), nor does it remedy the aiming or strength issue of #2. As for #3, past, present, and future are by definition different instances, and this is very definite in the behavior of electromagnetism and the other known forces of nature. Only to the soul do the differences between these become irrelevant.

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The True Nature of Psi

I enjoyed it. I personally would have chosen to describe the soul in broader terms, being the immaterial portion of the self, but you're a scientist not a philosopher so I suppose I can understand this.

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October 11, 2004, 08:28:59 AMReply #4

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0. The Fool... Inverted?

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The True Nature of Psi

It seems that there might be some confusion on Kobok's point #1, so let's see if I can rephrase it to more clearly convey the understanding.

Various "things" will block out various ranges of the electromagnetic spectrum - ie all the stuff kobok listed in the article - but there is not one thing which blocks out the entire electromagnetic spectrum (Athiril's point). However, due to the fact that psi is not blocked in the least by any of those things, it can be easily inferred, especially given points 2 and 3 by kobok, that psi is not electromagnetic in nature and is not propagated via electromagnetic waves. Or at least, not any part of the electromagnetic spectrum as we currently know it to be.

Is that clearer?

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Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

October 11, 2004, 09:01:47 AMReply #5

Samael

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The True Nature of Psi

I thought this article was extremely biased, neglected to explain rivaling viewpoints with any degree of coherency. Your negligence to provide documented studies really hinders the overall effectiveness of your arguments; the reader doesn't know if it's true or false. You need to add a bit more sustenance.

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October 12, 2004, 07:00:17 AMReply #6

Silverdawn

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The True Nature of Psi

Four stars because of the clear and interesting writing style, with the final star missing not really because of your arguments but because it's not *my* truth entirely. Worthy addition though, good stuff.

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October 12, 2004, 05:47:22 PMReply #7

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The True Nature of Psi

I found the arbitrary description of the soul (or even the mention of the soul) very out of place in an article written with a scientific approach. You also neglect to look at what other body parts could contribute to the control of psi. The body is not made of isolated units, but you seem to be caught in the need to find one specific body part that controls psi, so much so that you've fallen back on a body part that is not known to exist. This wasn't so much an article about the true nature of psi, but just an article about what psi isn't: EMR. Not much substance overall in my own opinion.

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The thing that really fascinates me about people is their ability to have no idea what's going on even though it's going on in plain sight all around them and the even more amazing tendency to argue violently when one of these obvious things is presented to them.

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The True Nature of Psi

Lightbringer: The body is composed entirely of electromagnetic interaction. All chemical interactions are electromagnetic interaction. There is nothing else in the physical body besides this, thus we must look elsewhere. The point I am making here is that it's not more scientific to claim that psi is due to a known element of physics, because that contradicts the evidence. Thus the only scientifically valid claim is to consider psi due to another medium beyond known physics.

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Yes, but your claims about the "true nature of psi" are guesswork. Pure and simple.

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October 13, 2004, 01:47:04 PMReply #10

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The True Nature of Psi

Not guesswork at all, it seems to me. Its very vague in some respects, yah... however, what it does say is well thought out and backed up. Really, we don't know all that much about psi in either case, when it comes down to it, so empty vagueness is to some degree called for, I guess.

And the misconception of psi being EMR-based has arguably existed longer than the concept of psi itself, so its great to see a rebuttal of that alone :cool:.

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Act; for the universe will never forget your movement, nor will it ever forgive your stillness.

October 16, 2004, 06:48:55 PMReply #11

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The True Nature of Psi

When giving an explanation of something like that to help out people who don't yet understand it you need to show less favoritism, you need to look at both sides and give you explanation of it objectively and not try and force people into taking your side and believing that it is the only way.

All in all it was a good article, you showed that you knew what you were talking about the favoritism was the only thing that brought it down.

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October 18, 2004, 04:29:22 AMReply #12

Koujiryuu

Teacher Emeritus

Posts By Osmosis

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The True Nature of Psi

It isn't "favoritism" as no people were involved. He proved a point that a lot of people don't necessarily agree with because they are deluded, and he did it logically through the medium of science and reason. He didn't force anything on anyone, he only proved a good point. Excellent article kobok.

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Prophecy

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Posts By Osmosis

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He proposed an idea and provided supporting facts by which one could deductively conclude his view on the matter.

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<http://www.thedivinescience.org>
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The True Nature of Psi
This article is quite biased but has some good facts. I give it 2 stars.
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The point of course was that the evidence clearly and overwhelmingly supports one side. If the evidence is not impartial, then neither will my article be, since the goal is to get closer to the true fundamental nature of psi.

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October 28, 2004, 03:41:14 PMReply #16

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this is a very good article

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October 28, 2004, 07:54:58 PMReply #17

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The True Nature of Psi

Over all the article was good, if you didn't like whole soul concept, then you could just as validly think of the "soul" as being merely the part of your non-physical mind associated with the use of psionic abilities.

P.S. Fighting Warrior, look above all the replies, at the end of the article their is a little bit where you can choose a rating.

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I would rather be criticized by an honest person, then complimented by a polite liar.

November 25, 2004, 02:18:12 AMReply #18

Falcon

Posts By Osmosis

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702

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The True Nature of Psi

I think it's very good, you have taken this and written lots about something, you have been informative. Hat of for Kobok

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Finding some things difficult and need a extra hand, Apply for a mentor that's what were here for <http://forums.v society.net/index.php?topic=9706.0>

July 01, 2005, 12:52:48 PMReply #19

Salubrion

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The True Nature of Psi

<http://www.popsci.com/popsci/science/article/0,20967,693324,00.html>

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the other side cannot respond back to point out your flaws and misconceptions.

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July 01, 2005, 01:37:52 PMReply #20

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Quote from: Salubrion

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The popsci article you referenced does say that it happens "instantly", but the journalist who wrote the article unfortunately got the physics wrong. Quantum teleportation requires a classically traveling intermediate particle, and is thus limited to traveling below the speed of light. Quantum tunneling is faster than the speed of light, but is restricted to ultra-short distances. Journalists often get these two techniques confused even though they are completely different.

Psi, in comparison, travels faster than light (by virtue of being able to send information backward in time) and remains unchanged in effectiveness by distance.

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Salubrion

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The True Nature of Psi

I would like to argue with some of your theories kobok, but that would be pointless sence it is all theories right now, which brings us back to my point. We do not know yet, we can say it might work like this, but right now nothing is definitive. Wether or not the article had a mistake, my point still remains valid, and apparently ignored by you kobok.

To make it obvious and simple, this should'nt be The Nature of Psi, it should be Theories of the Nature of Psi, (Or considering what you wrote about the most, False Theories of the Nature of Psi)

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July 01, 2005, 03:36:18 PMReply #22

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The True Nature of Psi

Quote from: Salubrion

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Well, the point made in the article is that psi is necessarilly due to a non-physical component of ourselves (more specifically, a component which does not interact by

means of the four physical forces). And the term I use to label this non-physical component of ourselves which performs psi is "soul", as that is the term most commonly used in English for a non-physical component of a person. Then, I proceed to give a description of the necessary properties of the soul (leaving out the more subjective properties) given the known capabilities of psi.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Even though this topic hasn't been posted on for almost a year, I need to put my 2 cents on it, because in all the psi sites I've been to, this article has a good scientific base and has a low guess factor. I agree with the fact that psi can't be electromagnetic in nature, though it does share some properties of being as such. Also, the concept of the "soul" doesn't seem to be treated religiously here, more like the best noun for the concept of who you are and your actual sentient existence. Psi is hard to be treated by more than guesswork, but a lot of the views expressed here seem to be similar to the ones I experience when using psi. Except for the time part, it's hard for me to conceptualize how one can send energy back in time... five stars for a pretty solid article. Not completely one sided, but sometimes data points to one side more than the other anyways.

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August 19, 2006, 03:43:48 PMReply #24

NotoriousCriminal

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Pardon me, but what was the faraday cage used? There's not much information on it.

Nor pictures. Nor is it described the lab environment, tools used, etc. The books also lack this (from what I summerize, anyway). May I request a more detailed explanation of the utilities used?

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August 20, 2006, 10:06:47 AMReply #25
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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I believe that the faraday cage is generally used for shielding sensitive electronic equipment from e.m.f's when doing high energy experiments i.e. telsla coils e.t.c. its basically a big cage built of earthed aluminium mesh.

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"This life's dim windows of the soul
Distorts the heavens from pole to pole
And leads you to believe a lie
When you see with, not through, the eye."
-William Blake
August 21, 2006, 12:33:51 PMReply #26
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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Quote
Pardon me, but what was the faraday cage used?

There has not been one experiment using a faraday room or faraday cage, but many,

so "the faraday cage" is not quite right to say. There's an example picture of a faraday room, and a description of what it means, in this wikipedia article.

Faraday cages are considered pretty standard equipment, so this is probably why you haven't found detailed descriptions of them in summary books on parapsychology. But if you want more information on how they work, a better place to look would be a book on electromagnetism. Faraday cages are usually introduced as an example problem shortly after Gauss's law is introduced.

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August 21, 2006, 06:56:59 PMReply #27

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I believe you both misunderstand me. Since he's talking about what appears to be a specific experiment, I wish to know what type of faraday cage was used. I also wish to know this for the numerous other experiments just brought to mention. I highly doubt that they are all the exact same duplicate type, hence my question for a description of the one (or more) in use. Unless the original poster wasn't speaking of a specific experiment. In which case, he should have posted links to these experiments conducted.

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August 21, 2006, 11:10:14 PMReply #28

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

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I was not referring to a specific experiment, but instead to a large collection of experiments, which have used a variety of different faraday cages. The most common are probably copper walled and steel walled rooms. For one relatively recent example of faraday cage experiments that were conducted with high quality, you can examine the autoganzfeld experiments in which the participant acting as receiver was enclosed in a soundproof electromagnetically shielded room with steel walls.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi
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The original autoganzfeld studies are discussed in:

Honorton, C., R. E. Berger, M. P. Varvoglis, M. Quant, P. Derr, E. I. Schechter, and D. C. Ferrari. 1990. Psi communication in the ganzfeld: Experiments with an automated testing system and a comparison with a meta-analysis of earlier studies. *Journal of Parapsychology* 54:99-139.

There were also tests done with faraday cages and other shielding in the SRI experiments. You should be able to find information about this in:

May, E. C., J. M. Utts, V. V. Trask, W. W. Luke, T. J. Frivold, and B. S. Humphrey. 1998. Review of the psychoenergetic research conducted at SRI International (1973-1988). SRI International Technical Report (March)

and

Puthoff, H. E. 1996. CIA-initiated remote viewing program at Stanford Research Institute. *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 10:63-76.

You can probably find descriptions of most of these results on the internet somewhere, but if you want in-depth details, you usually have to check the literature.

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Posts By Osmosis

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Another year later

You guys can also find information dealing with the non-local aspect to energy, from of these other sources:

"Morphic Fields, and Morphic Resonance" and "Mind, Memory and Archetype" by Rupert Sheldrake (sheldrake.org).

Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, and I think Bohr and Pauli had contributed.

Bell Test Experiments, one of which was conducted by Alain Aspect.

"Dreaming Universe" by Fred Wolf, which is a unique attempt to connect physics with psychology.

"Interference of Independent Photon Beams" by Pfleegor and Mandel.

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Tell all the Truth but tell it slant: Success in Circuit lies. Too bright for our infirm

Delight. The Truth's superb surprise. As Lightning to the Children eased, with

explanation kind. The Truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind.

Tefeari: The Giant Impact Hypothesis is a theory

February 02, 2008, 06:39:19 PMReply #32

BohmaN

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I do not understand the criticism given to this article. The evidence arguing that psi does not belong to electromagnetism, but rather something non-physical and not bound to spatiotemporal interaction, is simply irrefutable. I thought it was very comprehensive and nicely written - well done. 5/5

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June 13, 2008, 07:36:10 PMReply #33

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I agree with BohmaN, a good article and very compelling.

Personally, I keep an open mind. Just because right now this is the best way to explain it, doesn't mean at some future point in time, we find out some unknown rules or exceptions to electromagnetism that explains such. I don't think it likely but it doesn't mean its impossible. We are forever learning and growing in both our knowledge and understanding of these concepts. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and it is best in my opinion not to become to entrenched in your own opinion that you can't consider someone else's with an open mind. Most of what we consider fact is an opinion or theory that just hasn't been proven wrong yet (in my opinion). I think we attach to much emotion to our personal opinions and consider them part of our identity and thus get ruffled when someone has something that differs. Go with what makes sense the most and if something comes along that sounds like it better explains it, go with that. Currently, what makes sense to me is that it is not Electromagnetic but just because current knowledge compells me to that viewpoint does not mean that I discount it. It just isn't logical to me at this time.

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January 01, 2009, 09:53:14 PMReply #34

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I think this article was very well thought out and written with compelling arguments in favor of psi energy being something that requires further study. The arguments were laid out solidly enough with supporting information and basic misconceptions and their counterarguments were given due credit. The only area that may seem a little "weak" is the reference to "soul". Would ethereal energy fall into this category I wonder? Or does that fall somewhere on the electromagnetic spectrum? I think some people are having trouble accepting the idea of "soul energy" in a scientific argument. I would give this 5/5 stars, if I knew how to rate. I read the post that explained how, but I don't understand where the person is talking about. "above the replies", uhhh ok I don't see a rating button. Probably because I'm new and not used to this forum lol. If someone could point out where that is I would be very appreciative. Also, I'm not sure I understand all the dynamics of Psi just from this article. However, great post Kobok.

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If you're passing by, feel free to give me a click every so often!

A wise man speaks because he has something to say, a fool, because he must say something. ~ Plato

January 01, 2009, 10:39:59 PMReply #35

kobok

Tech Team

Posts By Osmosis

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

The star rating system was from our old forum software. That feature is no longer available.

As for the term "soul", I'm quite familiar with this term making people uncomfortable. People can feel free to relabel it to a term that makes them more comfortable, as long as they still attribute the same essential properties to it that we know exist. Namely, that psi is performed by a part of ourselves which does not operate by the spatiotemporal interactions by which all physical things are constrained. What you want to call this non-physical part of yourself is purely a matter of language.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Well, that explains why I can't find the rating button haha. Is ethereal energy an

appropriate term that could be applied to it? In addition, do you think it is true that the pineal gland is (my words) a "gateway" for the passage of information from the soul (ethereal power stronghold) to the rest of the physical brain and conscious mind as <http://www.crystalinks.com/thirdeyepineal.html> <- that website may suggest?

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If you're passing by, feel free to give me a click every so often!

A wise man speaks because he has something to say, a fool, because he must say something. ~ Plato

January 01, 2009, 11:47:18 PM Reply #37

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Quote from: disciple of the ages on January 01, 2009, 10:57:06 PM

Is ethereal energy an appropriate term that could be applied to it?

I've seen people who prefer to call the soul an etheric body. I don't much care if they do, just as long as this does not promote confusion. :)

Quote from: disciple of the ages on January 01, 2009, 10:57:06 PM

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No. This myth is based on a misconception started, or at least significantly propagated by, Descartes. He based this idea on his belief that the pineal gland was the only part of the brain without two hemispheres. This belief was not only inadequate to draw this sort of conclusion, but also happened to be false, as the pineal gland does have two parts.

The function of the pineal gland is much more constrained than the broader interaction between soul and brain. There does not need to be a point of contact for this interaction, since the actions of the soul are not so spatially constrained, as discussed above.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I can't see this how this is solid and the whole one sided thing I sort of don't care about.
I can't picture anything higher then 2/5 stars.

Yes it gives some examples of evidence agasint electromanetism but it quickly defines that its beyond without giving any other explaintations of different phyiscs that can go through a lead wall or faraday cage. Now I'm not talking about little things like sound and heat(which I found odd since some heat can travel through a lead wall). But other things like neutrnios or maybe even the most crazy idea of gravity itself.

Now the time expairments I just never agreed with so I'm letting that part side however the distance argument I found misleading since we only tested it on such small distances compared to comsological scales and such of a "fact" can not be determiated.

Which leads to the title which should have be stated more on the lines of oberservations not on "true nature".

I can go on with ideas on how he presented himself in this, like if psi can go through time it doesn't have to pass through lead which can't be jumped to the assumption that it can.

I can't see how this is a good article no matter how many times I read it.

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To do, become -Myself
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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Quote from: Tankdown on January 12, 2009, 08:26:19 AM

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Actually, if you check again, the immediate three sentences after the three-item list give an example of physical that can go through a lead wall or Faraday cage. But the simple fact is, as stated there, none of these physical mechanisms are invariant with respect to displacements in distance and time. This includes the two examples you state of neutrinos and gravity, both of which become weaker with distance and only transmit information one-directionally through time. (I did also list these directly in the article when I reference weak and gravitational forces.)

As for distance scales that have been tested, I think you don't quite realize how big the planet is. The amount of physical energy required to transmit a physical signal across the entire planet which could be discerned by physical means, with no difference in signal strength with distance, is quite large, far exceeding the physical energy available. And for this to match the experimental data, this would have to be broadcast at all times, and throughout time (which clearly no known force can do). In addition, the difficulty in separation of a physical signal is staggering. Consider just telepathy. Try to imagine 6 billion people broadcasting all of their thoughts using some physical spatiotemporal mechanism all the time throughout the preceding and following three years or so. Even just including this relatively short time period, would mean that there are 10^{18} , or a million-trillion seconds worth of people's thoughts being broadcast past you every second. Yet, with minimal effort we can pick out a single individual using nothing more than a name on a computer screen. Even if you don't believe the physical evidence, conceptual linking makes more sense just on this prima facie basis of the implausibility of a neural network operating at kilohertz rates being able to somehow process what, by information theory, would have to be at minimum a many-exahertz signal in order to support a physical explanation. With conceptual linking, this problem does not exist.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Kobok, I thought the article was very good. Let me ask you a question to ponder. Do you think it is possible that "physical" is simply limited by vibrational frequency of matter? There are many theories out regarding higher dimensions. One which I find particularly fascinating is that a fourth or fifth dimension or even more might exist and be essentially just as physical and real as our own reality, but due to the vibrational rate of matter in those dimensions being much faster, our dimension simply cannot experience them physically. So perhaps the "soul" is an actual physical entity, of some sort that is just vibrating at a much higher rate and therefore we cannot experience it with any of the five senses (so far including any technology we use). In this scenario, nothing other than first hand experience interacting with this entity (which we all obviously do every day) can validate it's existence. So basically, unless someone is of the line of thinking that all our emotions, all our personal characteristics, all exist because of electromagnetic signals in our brain interacting with the systems of our bodies and our environment. Then there is really no argument against a "soul" regardless of what the actual hypothesis a person holds about it it does exist, and we can't measure or test it physically. Anyways I just wanted to get your thoughts on this. Thanks

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Quote from: Vegita on January 24, 2009, 02:16:46 PM

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A dimension is basically a direction. Left/right is a dimension, front/back is a dimension, up/down is a dimension (thus yielding three of them). This standard physical definition of dimension is different from the sci-fi definition you seem to be using here.

Also, even though a number of people talk about it, there is no such thing as a vibrational rate of matter in the context you are using. (Atoms vibrate due to heat, but this cannot relate to what you are speaking about. And all matter has a wavefunction, but this also cannot result in what you are talking about.)

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Quote from: kobok on February 01, 2009, 10:16:37 PM

Quote from: Vegita on January 24, 2009, 02:16:46 PM

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vibrational rate of matter in the context you are using. (Atoms vibrate due to heat, but this cannot relate to what you are speaking about. And all matter has a wavefunction, but this also cannot result in what you are talking about.)

Isn't string theory that what makes up "atoms" are vibrating strings? I am not saying it is true, just that there are theories out about it.

Here is a short clip that explains dimensions a bit more in depth then "a direction".

<http://revver.com/video/99898/imagining-the-tenth-dimension/>

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June 30, 2009, 02:38:30 PMReply #43

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

lol I may seem naive for saying this but to me
it dosen't really matter what psi is..

There are things that may not exist physically. yet still live on.
explainable or not, they shape the world we live in.

As long as the world keeps sight on its senses and feelings
while not loosing heart

If so then I'm fine with any
outcomes..

what is psi. to me it is a great way to disapline and live life.
to love eachother and bond..

thank you for everyone sharing their knowledge and
time with me

nice article!

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Sorry for the necro posting. I wanted to voice my impressions of the article, and the people who have posted about it.

I enjoyed this article for several reasons. The primary reason is that it was very scientific, and unbiased (anyone who says otherwise needs to check the logical conventions regarding science and impartial reasoning.)

There is no need to give voice to an opposing claim if you refute the fundamental grounds upon which it operates. It is a formality used in scientific journals for ease of reference, rather than an actual necessity. The only time both sides of an issue are ever needed are in ethical argument. Science is guessing what is, by find out what is not. In science, I can say "I did this and this happened" and attempt to find out when "this" will happen, and when it won't. If "this" doesn't happen when I do "that" under 500 different circumstances, I can safely say there are 500 different situations when "this" is not caused by "that." Kobok adequately gave us his reasons why psi is not EMR. Even if psi met two out of three of those qualifications, it would still be disqualified as EMR, because EMR follows a very rigid definition. As elecromagnetic frequency, it is subject to interference from other electromagnetism sources. As radiation, it needs a definitive origin and a definitive termination point. Because psi does not have a definitive origin and no definitive termination point, it can't be radiation of any type. It takes more evidence to justify re-writing the definition of an accepted system than it does to say "we don't know what it is, but here's a tentative hypothesis"

Until I had read this article, I was an avid proponent of the EMR argument; though thinking in retrospect, my experiments regarding this could have been subject to experimental contamination merely on the grounds that If one "charges" a conducive object expecting to see an increase in electrical resistance, you will see an increase in resistance because psi tends to take on patterns readily.

I'll give this article 5 stars, mainly because one can have no opinions on fact (which kobok laid out) and that it was very well thought out and had very cogent arguments.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

This is a good article, but I like several others take issue with the name. It does a good job of showing that psi is not em radiation, however it does not do a good enough job of ruling out other possibilities to say what it is; both the extra dimensions posited in string theory and quantum entanglement seem like reasonable alternative explanations (as for quantum entanglement not being fast enough or working over long enough distances seems to be addressed by this experiment [the set up can be found by clicking the supplementary information link and downloading the pdf]).

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"Embrace nothing: If you meet the Buddha, kill the Buddha. If you meet your father, kill your father. Only live your life as it is, Not bound to anything" -Gautama Siddharta

March 02, 2010, 07:29:15 PMReply #46

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Science isn't about proving what is, It's about providing evidence of what isn't.

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March 02, 2010, 07:49:25 PMReply #47

darthlobo

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

"Science and Mother Nature are in a marriage where Science is always surprised to come home and find Mother Nature blowing the neighbor."

-sh*tmydadsays

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I choose the Twilight Path to the Dawn.

March 03, 2010, 06:41:12 AMReply #48

Steve

Posts By Osmosis

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Quote from: Mindlessinvalid on March 02, 2010, 07:29:15 PM

Science isn't about proving what is, It's about providing evidence of what isn't.

Science is the study of nature/reality.

~Steve

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Mastery does not occur when you've performed a feat once or twice. Instead, it comes after years of training, when you realize that you no longer notice when you're performing a feat which used to require so much effort. Even walking takes years of training for a human: why not everything else?

March 03, 2010, 08:40:44 AMReply #49

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Posts By Osmosis

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I wasn't pointing at the reason for science so much as how it works.

The Scientific Method in the positive is a logical fallacy (of a basic syllogism) when you extrapolate your data.

The Scientific Method in the negative is a logical proof (basic syllogism again) in the same scenario.

x before y,
x,
therefore y

x can exist independently of y, but we assume y is there because of x is the positive of the scientific method, which is why we always call scientific ideas of a positive to be postulates, natural laws, and theories (though theory is the most complete of the three). Anything stated by science in the positive is subject to change without exception.

x denies y.
x,
therefore not y.

this is an example of science in the negative. We have a fact that says in these circumstances, x does not allow for the existence of y. We can extrapolate that fact into a more solid idea by finding out more situations where x bars the existence of y.

Science tells us not what is, but what isn't. From that we can safely make assumptions in place of actual knowledge of what is.

To reference the daodeching and some hermetic science (hope no-one hits me for the two being mixed)

Never underestimate the value of what doesn't exist. The spokes on a wheel give it form, but the shaft in the hub makes way for the axel. Without windows and a door, a room is but a tomb.

and in hermetics,

what is is not knowable until you can perceive what isn't.

hence my argument.

(I've got Taoism, hermetics, and syllogisms on my side, what could possibly go wrong?) <- failed attempt at humor.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi
Then I have to disagree with you again. Science can only show what is, and can never show what isn't; the closest that science can come to showing what isn't is by exhaustive testing in order to determine as many things that are in order to say "we've done all that we can in trying to figure out whether this Thing A exists or not, but are unable to find it. We must therefore conclude that we cannot as of yet find it using our current levels of understanding, testing, and technology. As such, any person who says that Thing A does exist must provide some pretty good evidence that we ourselves have not been able to find."

Many bad scientists shorten the foregoing into just saying "If we can't find it with science, then it doesn't exist" but that is not truly the case with science (it is just the case with those who call themselves scientists).

In fact, we even have a logical fallacy named for it.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argument_from_ignorance

~Steve
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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Were talking on two different scales here.

On the large scale, we use what doesn't work to show what does.

On the small scale, we find out what doesn't work and what does under what circumstances.

You compile successes and failures to form the large scale ideas. It's all based on narrowing down possibilities.

A paraphrased from death world is a very good example.

"what If I told you a stingbat was hanging in the doorway?

everyone aims their guns at the door

"well what if I told you that there is something that resembles a sting bat, but is in fact a large insect with a talent for mimicry?"

hesitation, then they all aim their guns at the door

"it was a spinner fly, and it mimics the most dangerous life form on the planet as a defensive mechanism. In a survival situation, you would not have time to make that judgement, but there are other possibilities other than what is at face value."

someone raises their hand

"but there are no spinner flies here."

"for the purpose of my argument, pretend they were left inside one of our incoming food crates. If we had time to rule out the creature being an aggressive predator, then we could stand to profit and bring more wealth into the planet and use that for survival."

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March 03, 2010, 07:08:12 PM Reply #52

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

Why wouldn't you just shoot the damn thing anyways just to be safe?

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I choose the Twilight Path to the Dawn.

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

That's my point.

For the common man, science is a luxury.

For a scientist, it's a vocation.

Scientists have to rule out many possibilities before making a claim.

The common man is allowed to take what he sees at face value.

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March 04, 2010, 08:04:50 AMReply #54

darthlobo

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

So...a scientist wouldn't shoot it? Is that why they always die first in sci fi films?

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I choose the Twilight Path to the Dawn.
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Re: The True Nature of Psi
I think you're either trolling or taking this too literally.

If they had time (to not die) to figure out that it wasn't a sting bat and that it wasn't dangerous, it opens up new possibilities that can lead to better lives.

They need to shoot the creature (hypothetical creature) to survive, but if it wasn't what they thought it was then what is it?

Scientific Method in Death world.
Hypothesis: There is a sting bat in the doorway.

It doesn't seem aggressive.

It's not a sting bat. Hypothesis invalidated.

What is it then?

It's making silk.

The silk seems to have high monetary value on interplanetary markets.

Hypothesis: If we cultivate these creatures, then we can make money to buy weapons to fight off the real stingbats.

The silk does not seem to be in great supply.

Buyers who are inclined to buy the silks are not worried about price or origin.

We now have enough money to buy weapons. Hypothesis Verified.
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August 24, 2011, 12:45:01 PMReply #56

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

I know this is an old topic now, but I must say that I enjoyed your point of view, and I must give props to how well it was written. While I do not agree completely, this article has given me a new point of view on the nature of psi. Five stars dude.

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September 15, 2011, 11:49:18 AMReply #57

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

im sorry, but im about a quarter of the way in, and i have to tell ya this is a beauty of an article. in evidence, i know nothing about psi and im still engaged :D

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September 15, 2011, 12:53:14 PMReply #58

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Re: The True Nature of Psi

The book I referenced a few posts back was written in 1925 by Harry Harrison. My mind has been blown.

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The History of Psi

The history of psi comes from a number of paths. First, there is the fact that people have been doing psi since the dawn of time, and so records of things that sound like occurrences of psi are scattered throughout human history. But what's more interesting is to examine the modern emergence of the cultural perspective of viewing the abilities as "psi".

The history of modern psi begins in the late 1700's, with the work of Frank Anton Mesmer, a physician who began to study abilities, such as the ability to see other locations, that arose during trancelike states. These abilities became known as "mesmerism", named after Dr. Mesmer. Mesmer considered this to be the product of another force, similar to electricity and magnetism which were then being investigated by science.

However, at this time science was undergoing a period known as the Enlightenment, in which many scientists were discarding ideas that sounded too religious. So there was a split, and mesmerism moved into the realm of the Spiritualist movement for a time.

Then in 1882, the Society of Psychical Research (SPR) was founded, by three spiritualists at Cambridge University. The SPR gained support from members of the British Royal Society, giving it a unique convergence of spiritualist practices and the scientific method.

During the early period of the SPR, most of the work focused on examining individuals who claimed psychic abilities, and the work was called "psychic research". From the 1920s through the 1940s, there was a revolution of maturity in this research, with

significant contribution by Joseph B. Rhine. During this period, the term "parapsychology" was coined, and controlled statistical research replaced anecdotal research, turning the field into a rigorously controlled experimental science.

In 1937, the Journal of Parapsychology was founded, and in 1957, the Parapsychology Association.

The term "psi" was first introduced around 1942 by Thouless and Wiesner. They wanted a new term which could describe both the causation of change and the sensing of information through non-classical means, but without encumbering the description with the implications of previous terminology. This term was adopted by the parapsychological community as a more neutral description for the effects they studied. Rather than dividing effects into numerous categories, such as separating clairvoyance from precognition, or separating psychokinesis from biokinesis, the term psi could simply be divided into active psi, for causing change with psi, or passive psi, for receiving information with psi.

Russia launched an investigation into psychic abilities for warfare and intelligence gathering in the 1960s. In the 1970s and 1980s, the CIA and DIA responded by launching an investigation into psi called "Project Star Gate", resulting in the system of intelligence gathering called "remote viewing". There were a number of books released throughout these years discussing psychic abilities, and describing ways to learn them.

The phenomenon of psi on the internet really took off in 1993-1994 when Skywind released the online book "Playful Psychic", and showed that psi could be effectively taught and learned via the internet. Small loose-knit communities quickly sprang up, and over time these communities evolved and grew into the contemporary online energy communities.

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The History of Psi

Very interesting and useful article, Kobok! It was nice to read the history of psi!

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Life is a complicated game of choices and events: the one affects the other...

May 23, 2005, 02:38:20 PMReply #2

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Hey

Does anyone know a place where I could download "the playful psychic?" (talked about in this article)

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Nice kobok!

Inputted into mental library

moo :cow:

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I am an enigma

wrapped in a mystery

sheathed in a quandary

ensconced in a dilemma
swathed in a quagmire
swaddled in an imbroglio
and covered in a white wrapper
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Very nice!

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Just a quick added note that I've been around IRC since the early 90's and around the internet as a whole since the bulletin boards and the term psiball was around before Skywind used it although that's probably the source most young people on the net are going to remember the most.

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Why is psi primarily an English speaking phenomenon?

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I don't believe psi to be remotely a primarilyly english speaking phenomena however other languages might use different terms but its fairly universal. What might make a difference is why you get the impression that its a primarily english phenomena and then trace from there back to the article where kobok talks about Mesmer who was french and also the russians. The idea of psi origionated in Europe but because it was developed in many different areas by many people also not listed, you have a huge amalgamation of ideas that we read about in english so it might give the impression that its primarily english.

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Re: The History of Psi

Sorry, I should have explained that question a little more, or phrased it better. I've only ever heard of Mesmer (Franz, not Frank, by the way) as the father of hypnosis, the instigator of neurophysics, the creator of the idea that astrology works through magnetic fields, or as a complete charlatan. I'd never previously heard of him as having any direct role in the field of psionics (unless one decides to put hypnosis under psionics, which seems iffy.) Many of his students did go on to be prominent in the early development of parapsychology (oddly enough you can trace Freud back to him as well.) I don't know about in Russia, because I don't speak Russian, but in French the term psi is an acronym attributed to technical colleges. Most links to information about parapsychology on French sites talk about poltergeists and UFOs and if one does happen upon a link that relates to psychokinesis or ESP, one will eventually find themselves on an English site. Sometimes magie mental acts as something of a substitute to psi, but they're still not exactly the same thing, and there tends to be less interest in magie mental than in magie haut or magie blanc. Hence my view of psi as being an English speaking phenomena. So I guess my really question should have been something along the lines of: If there was a linguistic split in parapsychology does anyone know when it occurred? Or, what other linguistic groups primarily use the term/idea of psi?

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Re: The History of Psi

I dont know of any linginstict split in parapsychology but it wouldnt surprize me that each language uses different terms. As kobok described, the term psi was a more neutral term adapted by scientists but it also goes under many other terms and names which has been difficult for those that have done psi research for years. The most common term in early research would be ESP.

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I had always assumed it came from Pokemon or something of the sort, but I decided to give it a shot on my ability to intuit the answer. I'm guessing it comes from sending up a weather or hot air ballon and/or like when the witches in The Wizard of Oz float in and out or send out the monkeys...or Mary Poppins.

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Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Psi

by kobok

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1, Introductory Questions About Psi:

1.1, What is psi?

In summary, psi is the art of causing change and sensing things by direct exertion of mental focus. There is also a great philosophical and spiritual depth to psi, which shapes the pursuit of psi into a lifelong path of self-betterment.

Psi includes all abilities that have been encapsulated under psychic abilities, including terms such as telepathy, ESP, clairvoyance, precognizance, psychokinesis, and remote viewing. Most paradigms dealing with psi include an emphasis on manipulation and awareness of psi energy.

1.2, Am I able to do psi?

An often recited slogan is that "everyone is psychic". There is a great deal of truth to that in that every human seems to possess the potential to perform psi. However, psi is a path which requires developing much focus, dedication, and self-awareness. Not everyone begins the path of psi with these attributes, but everyone who continues to develop must develop these in order to grow in skill.

1.3, How do I learn psi?

The first thing any beginner interested in psi should do is practice meditation. In particular, those interested in the path of psi should perform focal meditation, which can consist of any meditation exercise in which the goal is to focus exclusively on a single thing for a long period of time (at least 30-60 minutes). The skills developed in focal meditation are essential to beginning serious work in psi. For more details on focal meditation, see this article.

After you have begun meditation, you should take it upon yourself to read as many of these articles on psi as you can, to get a solid background. The forums can also be a wealth of information, as you can search for old threads on topics that interest you, or if there are no old threads on the topic, create a new thread to ask your question.

There are also extended courses on psi which are periodically offered at Veritas, which require you to fill out an application form and require a serious time commitment. Until the next course offering, or if you are not interested in courses, I encourage you to practice psi as much as you can using the articles and forums as a resource.

You should keep in mind that psi is not an easy solution to anything. It is a lengthy undertaking requiring much work, but it is a beautiful and irreplaceable thing, and it will change your life and your view of the world as you progress.

2, Questions About the Nature of Psi:

2.1, Why are there so many different descriptions about psi?

There are many different descriptions about psi because there are many ways to get psi to work. There are a large number of "effective models" of psi which work perfectly well, even though they are not fundamental to the way psi works. This is a natural result of the way psi functions.

Results in psi are usually considered to be related to a deep expectation or fundamental belief of success. These effective models work because they trigger these deep expectations of success. Different effective models often arise in different cultures, because there is different symbolism which is believed in and used to obtain the

expectation of success.

2.2, Is psi due to electromagnetism?

The scientific evidence says no. For more detail, see [this article](#).

2.3, Is psi performed by the brain?

Intents in psi are frequently organized and formulated by the brain, but the evidence indicates that psi itself is not performed by the brain. For more detail, see [this article](#).

2.4, Can psi energy be created or destroyed?

The laws of quantum field theory tell us that energy can and DOES get created and destroyed all the time, but that it does so at such an equally matched rate that the end result is no net change. This means that in small areas and for small times, energy does get created and destroyed noticeably, and the effects of this are measureable.

The only thing keeping the conservation of energy balanced on the everyday macroscopic scale is probability. So long as the probabilities of creation and destruction are equal, there will not be any net creation or destruction. But one reasonable interpretation of abilities like micropsychokinesis might be that we possess the ability to manipulate probabilities. So there's no fundamental reason to think that psi is restricted to obeying the conservation of energy.

Many people find it conceptually easier to "gather" psi energy, rather than to simply generate it, but it also seems to work to generate energy.

2.5, What does the soul have to do with psi?

The soul can be defined as the part of the self which performs psi. This part is sometimes referred to as will, but it means more than conscious will. This part is sometimes referred to as self-awareness, but it means more than conscious self-awareness. There is a deeper underlying level of the self beyond the brain which seems to be responsible for the actual performance of psi, and the term "soul" is often used to refer to this part of the self.

The term "mind" is usually used in an abstract sense to refer to the totality of the human brain and soul, consciousness, unconsciousness, and the complete self-awareness. So the mind includes the brain, which can be used to formulate and organize the intent of what one is doing, and the soul, which is used to actually perform the abilities.

2.6, If I visualize or expect something to happen, does that mean it will?

Expectation alone will not result in psi, belief alone will not result in psi, wanting something will not result in psi, willing something will not result in psi, and visualizing something will not result in psi. There is more to it than any of these actions alone can account for.

Performing an action with psi can be considered the synthesis of a well formed intent, the energy to make the intent happen, and a third step of deep expectation in the soul which actualizes the event and makes it occur. Understanding what these three components mean at an experiential level comes as you practice psi.

3, Questions Relating Psi to Other Things:

3.1, What is the relationship between psi, magick, and chi?

See this article comparing these three arts.

3.2, Can I be a Christian and do psi?

Yes. I am. I have made my peace with God, and I find that psi strengthens my personal relationship with God. It is up to you to see if this path also fits you. Here are some verses you may find inspirational:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father." --John 14:12

"And Jesus answered them, 'Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, "Be taken up and cast into the sea," it will be done.'" --Matthew 21:21

"You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits." --Matthew 7:16-20

"Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit [breath]? The Savior answered and said, He does not see through the soul nor through the spirit [breath], but the mind that is between the two" --Mary 5:10-11

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the

common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues." --I Corinthians 12:4-11

3.3, What does psi have to do with spirituality?

Spirituality is central to much of psi. Psi is a path involving using control over the self to exert control over reality, and of using awareness of the self to gain awareness about reality. These abilities are ultimately obtained by closer intimacy and awareness with ones own soul and spiritual nature.

4, Questions about the practice of psi:

4.1, Why can't I get it to work?

There are a variety of reasons why one might have difficulty.

The first thing you should examine is whether or not you are obtaining good focus. Controlling psi requires a focused mind, and this is gained by practicing focal meditation.

If you are trying to make a change with psi, the second thing you should examine is whether or not you truly expect it to work in the core of your being. If you do not, it will not work. You need to learn how to reach in and change the very nature of your inner expectations.

If you are trying to sense something with psi, the second thing you should examine is whether the information is coming from your brain or from your soul. Information coming from your brain is often called "analytical overlay", and is often little more than imagination. An important skill in the sensing arts is learning from experience how to distinguish input given by the brain from input that comes deeper from the soul. This requires practice.

And, in summary, you may simply need more practice. Psi is not an easy solution; it requires extensive dedication and practice.

4.2, How do I do aerokinesis, biokinesis, cryokinesis, electrokinesis, geokinesis, hydrokinesis, lunakinesis, pyrokinesis, terrakinesis, or *kinesis?

Let's say you were trying to pick up a bunch of stuff with your hands and move it to

another location. Would you list the techniques as:

1. Picking up a shoe
2. Picking up a box
3. Picking up a book
4. Picking up a rock
5. Picking up a chair

Obviously this system of classification has no intrinsic meaning to the method of "picking something up". Likewise, for psychokinesis, the target of the psychokinesis has no necessary bearing on the technique used. There is only one psychokinesis, and there are two ways to do it. One is a direct form of psychokinesis, where something is directly changed. The second is an indirect form of psychokinesis, where a future is brought about without specifying the manner in which it happens. (And the lines even blur between these two.) All of the abilities listed in the question are simply that. If you feel that you are able to do one, but not another, then that is simply a psychological restraint that is holding you back.

For detail about how to perform kinesis, read the following article.

4.3, What is the solution to telepathic or empathic overload?

Meditation is the often overlooked cure for overload. People being overloaded by telapathy and empathy are like a floating leaf being overloaded by the wind which directs its path. But if you are well focused and well centered within yourself, then you will direct yourself rather than being directed externally, even while maintaining the capabilities of empathy and telepathy.

A person with a psi shield is isolated from connection with others, and even the untrained can often sense something "detached" or "isolated" about the shielded person, and it makes them uncomfortable around the shielded person. In addition, upon the failure of the shield, a person who focuses on shielding is left with only a fragile inside. In comparison, a person well-focused by meditation has a certain charismatic presence around others, and an inner strength which can be used to face and work with the sensory input at will, rather than hide from it.

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I went thru the article and found 3 broken links which I corrected. All the others worked. If you have any more problems, feel free to let us know.

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...Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5: And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6: And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7: But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8: For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9: To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10: To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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Yeah for quoting out of context.

Those GIFTS are abilities granted by GOD through the Holy Spirit to whomever God desires to give them (typically people who've devoted themselves to God in a way that is pleasing to God (not by magical rituals), ie by the path God set out rather than a person's own path that they think will lead them to God). Magic can achieve similar, if not exactly the same, results but the difference is that you have to work to achieve the results in magic/psionic/qigong whereas if a god gives you the ability, you don't have to work at it.

~kakkarot

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Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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nod Exactly. In fact, that direct quote that you gave, most Christians believe that those gifts died a long time ago. Paul said that the gift of tongues and prophecy would not last, and then when the time for them was over, both would die simultaneously. I believe that happened a long time ago, and that the gift of tongues was really only needed to witness and show nonbelievers who were restricted by a language barrier.

The gift of tongues hadn't been seen for hundreds of years until a new denomination arose during the recent years. I don't see how God would have the gift on "hold" for a great many years and then just revive it. Most believe that the gift of prophecy and the gift of tongues have died hundreds of years ago, just as Paul said.

If any of this information is incorrect, could you please correct me with the reference from where you got the information?

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Many modern Christians believe that the "age of miracles" is over, but it seems that this is just because the "faith" which would have permitted this is quite rare. In other words, they think there are no more gifts of the spirit because they don't have what it takes to operate theirs. The gift of prophecy is still prominent in the world.

The verse that inspires the belief you spoke of is 1 Corinthians 13:8. If you read the surrounding context, you can see that Paul is not predicting the demise of the gift of prophecy. Paul is comparing the value of love to the other spiritual gifts, and saying that prophecy is a gift that is exercised only for moments at a time, while love is a spiritual character which can last forever. He then concludes by saying that love is even greater than faith.

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No, the ability worked for Peter only as long as he was trusting in the Lord, faithful that he would carry him through. Are you saying that this was simply an act of kinesis based on expectation rather than a miracle based on the faith of God's disciple?

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Many modern Christians believe that the age of miracles is NOT over, and if you take a look in Africa, you can see miracles are almost a common occurrence (prayer > healing). Even in respect to the USA, though the circumstances as well as the faith may not permit, miracles happen in my life all the time. I suppose you could pass that off as "faith" of prayer = spell of magick, but that's where my faith in God and His Word come in. I know that there is a difference.

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Well first, let me address the fact that spiritual gifts are Spirit-given abilities to edify other believers to the glory of God. These are gifts, and no man can fake or produce one. If you read 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 you will see that it says:

Quote from: 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work

of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

You see, not only does the Spirit determine who receives these gifts, but the verse implies that each person will only have one of the spiritual gifts. Either way, as you see, these things are "gifts"; not to be confused with excersised ability through magick/psi or some sort of satanic worship.

Spiritual gifts are for edification, and that is seen in Ephesians 4:12. I'm assuming you have bible gateway up already (great site), so you can search there.

Also, I do believe that in I Corinthians, God and Paul are saying that three gifts will cease: prophecy, tongues, and knowledge. The gift of prophecy and the gift of knowledge have unquestionably ceased since the end of the apostolic age adn the completion of teh New Testament. The divine revelation was given during the foundational work of the apostles and prophets; when these men died, so did their gifts. Logically tongues has ceased as well, since all three are interlocked with assosiation in the verse.

In fact, it wasn't until the end of the 19th century that somebody claimed to speak in tongues, about 18 hundred years after the apostles. If tongues historically ceased, that includes prophecy and knowledge. Obviously I practice energetic principles and do not believe that precognition and such are impossible, but spiritual gifts and skill must not be confused.

Also, if you look in Deuteronomy, you'll see a verse that says:

Quote from: Deuteronomy

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD...

In many other places of the bible, divination and witchcraft are grouped with murder and sexual sins, things detestable to the Lord.

I've posted a large enough post, my workout partner is here and my timing stratagies have to be on the dot, so I have to go now with that abrupt ending.

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Correction: The ability worked only as long as he held faith that his Lord could allow him to perform it. Subtle but important difference.

Quote from: Matthew14

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

It easily seems that Jesus could be talking about Peter believing merely in the ability to walk on the water, but if this were so then why did Peter have to tell Jesus to tell him to come out on the water? His doubt, when he saw the wind, probably wasn't in his own ability to walk on the water, because he almost certainly believed that he had no ability of his own to do so, but his doubt was probably in the ability of his Lord to save him even in the face of the strong wind, ie he had enough faith to believe that Jesus could enable him to walk on the water, but not enough faith that Jesus could enable him to stand up against the high turbulence.

Quote from: Matthew8

24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"

As is seen here, the disciples, of which Peter is one, didn't trust that Jesus could save them because they didn't know how much power he had and they probably thought there were limits to what he could do. Thus, it only stands to reason that when Peter believed Jesus could enable Peter to walk on the water Peter still wouldn't have faith that Jesus could protect him from even the stormy winds. This lack of faith, based on a lack of understanding, is evident throughout all four gospels even past the point of Jesus' death, and only when the disciples saw Jesus was resurrected did they begin to believe that he had "all authority in Heaven and on Earth".

I'll reference the Holy Spirit coming upon the apostles "in power" from Acts chapter 1 and 2

1:4 On one occasion, while he [Jesus] was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

... 8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

... 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

... 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' 22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

The emphasis is that God is the one working the miracles through people, because He has decided to do so, and people know that God promises this to them when God puts His Holy Spirit upon them. I just went through all 93 references in the NIV translation for the "holy spirit" and if you read through those references too, you'll know beyond doubt that it is not faith in your expectation for the outcome to work, but faith that God will work the miracle for you that is the faith which enabled Peter to walk on the water, and which is supposed to enable the moving of mountains.

However, I also am Christian and do qi gong and magic, though not for any glory or power but simply from curiosity and boredom, and God has not had any real problem with this in my life, so it's not that I'm disputing the idea that a person can be christian and still do psionics, but that trying to use the Holy Spirit or the gifts of God as examples of psi is way off. :)

Regarding 1 Corinthians 3:8, which is indeed where the idea that miracles no longer work today comes from, in my (potentially wrong) viewpoint that passage is much too vague to be of any use in saying what would happen, when, why, or for how long (if always or for a temporary duration).

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KJV 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. Now, the faileth for charity is Strongs Number 1601, which means "to drop away; specifically, be driven out of one's course", whereas the failing of prophecies and vanishing of knowledge is Strongs Number 2673, which means "rendering entirely idle", and the ceasing of tongues is Strongs Number 3973, which means "pause" or "stop" ie "restrain, quit, desist, come to an end".

The passage seems to vague to me, like it's referencing something not specifically mentioned, as kobok mentioned it may be the comparison to enduring love as opposed to abilities which are only temporarily needed in each christian's life until they reach that perfect enduring love. But this is guesswork, as is any interpretation of this verse.

Hech: Did you just say that you believe those gifts all disappeared, then stated that they still continue in Africa and even to a lesser degree in America, and then say again that they don't happen anymore?

Quote from: Hech

Paul said that the gift of tongues and prophecy would not last... I believe that happened a long time ago

Quote from: Hech

and if you take a look in Africa, you can see miracles are almost a common occurrence (prayer > healing). Even in respect to the USA, though the circumstances as well as the faith may not permit, miracles happen in my life all the time

Quote from: Hech

The gift of prophecy and the gift of knowledge have unquestionably ceased since the end of the apostolic age and the completion of the New Testament.

Further, I disagree that the gifts of knowledge and prophecy have ceased, as God teaches me directly things which I would otherwise know nothing about and then proves this teaching through experiences and other sources of knowledge, and also God has told me to deliver quite a number of messages up until recently (prophecy in greek meant delivering a message on behalf of someone else).

As well, from my own personal studies and readings I've heard many accounts of all sorts of miracles still happening today, all over the world, so not only I but much of the world believes that God is still active :).

And lastly, in Deuteronomy, the "witchcraft" from the version you seem to be using is

Strong's Number 6049 which is the very same word used to describe God "bringing forth" clouds in Genesis 9:14 "And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:." so it more likely has to do with manipulation of the worldly environment than anything as vague as "witchcraft". The "divination" has to do with determining by casting lots, and is probably best understood in the same context as when the one king of Israel sent messengers to enquire of the "God of Ekron" and Jehovah got pissed off because "His people" were ignoring Him. 2Ki 1:2 And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill . So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this sickness." 3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite , "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?'

~kakkarot

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Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

I agree with everything that you said in the first part of your post.

The middle of your post, which spoke of knowledge and prophecy and tongues, is something I'm not completely sure of. I know a great many Christians, good ones, that believe these things are over, and I know of a great many Christians, good ones, that believe these things are not over. Some of the greatest scholars and theologians say that this is a topic that can go either way.

The last part of your post asked if I contradicted myself. No, I didn't. There is a difference between spiritual gifts and miracles. I am undecided, as I said, about the aforementioned spiritual gifts. I'm leaning towards the "non-existent" side of things, but now, because of your post, it has got me thinking again. All in all, I'm not sure.

However, whether divine works of God in the form of miracles still happen I have made up my mind about, and I see that God is still quite active :) I believe that all Christians should believe in a God that is actively involved in our lives. The reference to Africa involved supernatural healings, this does not correlate with the aforementioned spiritual gifts.

In fact, I believe that God may still give a person some sort of "divine revelation" that would seem like a spiritual gift of knowledge or prophecy, but a gift implies that it is given by the Spirit to be used for edification. However, I'm talking about a one-time miracle of God in which the person is used as an instrument, rather than a continual gift that God has given.

Like I said, I'm still a bit confused about the whole gift thing :wink: I will say, however, that I did not contradict myself and that while I'm unsure about the three spiritual gifts that we've been talking about, I have absolutely no doubt that God still performs miracles and that He is faithful to those who have faith in Him, those who love and serve Him.

Lastly, you finally ended your post by addressing the mentioning of witchcraft and such. I believe that direct worship or use of Satanic things, some of which I've experienced first hand, are definitely wrong. However, I didn't have a chance to finish my post, as I said, and had I had that chance, I would have mentioned the things that you did right there.

All in all, I agree with everything that you said in your post except for the three spiritual gifts, with which, as I said, I'm unsure about at this point in time. The point of my post, as was yours, to really say how that verse was taken completely out of context and that there is a distinct difference between God given spiritual gifts and self-achieved ability. Like you, I practice the energetic arts (mainly psionics and some magick).

It's nice to hear from another lover of God, an active and obedient self-proclaimed Christian :) I hope I was coherent this time around, sometimes people take the things that I say completely the wrong way, some of which I suppose is the fault of sender

(me). I'm suprised that you thought I contradicted myself though, I could have sworn that I was clear in my post.

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Hech: ok, i get what you're saying now.

kobok:ahaha, I didn't even realize when I quoted Acts 2:14-on in the previous post that I was quoting Peter himself saying that the gifts come from God :D Strong evidence to support the biblical idea that it's "faith that God can and will work in your life" that prompts God to work in your life, rather than faith in the desired result becoming reality. (It was only when I was at work and mentally reviewing what I'd posted that I realized Peter is the one who said that.)

And lastly, just for the purpose of complete knowledge in the topic, the other reason that I've heard mention recently as to why spiritual gifts and miracles supposedly don't happen anymore is the modern-ish notion that only the apostles could give the Holy Spirit, by the laying on of the hands, and there's no record of the ability to give "the ability to give the Holy Spirit to others" (yes I meant to double that up) to others after the apostles, so modern christians believe that the Holy Spirit no longer comes "in power" because only the apostles could "do that". This idea that only the apostles could give the Holy Spirit "in power" is easily destroyed by the link I provided in my previous post which gives every instance of the term "Holy Spirit" in the NIV and clearly illustrates that it is not even Jesus who gives the Holy Spirit, but God and God alone.

~kakkarot

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Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human

likeness.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

I've never heard of that belief among Christians, though I do not think you're lying, so perhaps it is rare or it escaped my knowledge? Obviously when the Lord left, he left us with His Spirit to guide us. In fact, during the very act of prayer, the spirit intercedes for us in groanings that words cannot touch. God is cool, ain't he? :wink: :P

Alright, I would say that we're done here and that maybe we should get back onto the FAQ's article topic, except kobok has not replied and he may perhaps have some disagreements to voice.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

I'd never heard of that belief among christians either (about the HS supposedly only being given by the apostles) until this past sunday when I got into an argument with basically my whole church over the nature of the HS ^_^; I mean, it's so completely contrary to what the bible actually says that I found it incredible that anyone would believe it.

~kakkarot

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

Quote from: Hech on August 17, 2006, 07:32:31 AM

Quote from: kobok on August 16, 2006, 11:40:31 PM

The ability worked for Peter only as long as his expectation held.

No, the ability worked for Peter only as long as he was trusting in the Lord, faithful that he would carry him through. Are you saying that this was simply an act of kinesis based on expectation rather than a miracle based on the faith of God's disciple?

This is reminiscent of the debates about whether or not chi and psi are the same thing, or whether or not psi and magick are fundamentally the same.

What do you think gifts of the spirit are? Gifts of the spirit are gifts of the soul, and gifts of the soul are abilities of the soul, and abilities of the soul are called psi. Are they miraculous? That's more a question of how people are affected by them. Do they come from God? This is like asking if existence can be created by God and evolution can be true at the same time. I have no trouble with both being true, that it is both psi, and from God. They are not mutually exclusive, and thus, there is no contradiction. Are the workings of the divine of less value if we become closer to understanding how they work?

"There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

-- 1 Corinthians 12:6

As for the Holy Spirit, the term is invoked occasionally in the scripture, after the fact, as

an explanation for mysterious events by an unseen agent. But the most accurate description of the Holy Spirit comes from Jesus's own description of it in John 14:15-30, where he describes it as a counselor given to each person which will guide them.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

First, do you ignore the entire post of kakkarot?

Second, the problem here is at the very root of your reasoning: "Gifts of the spirit are gifts of the soul, and gifts of the soul are abilities of the soul, and abilities of the soul are called psi. Are they miraculous?"

In that case, typing right now is a miracle, because is not the body that is "fearfully and wonderfully made" miraculous? You're using the term "gifts of the Spirit" improperly.

We're talking about spiritual gifts, which vary from person to person, and are fully gifts which are given to God's chosen ones. What you're talking about is God's blessing of life to us, and all that entails, which is, of course, the ability to express the soul just as we can express the body. The act of sex, for example, has both physical and spiritual counterparts which are both quite powerful in nature - sex isn't a spiritual gift, but it certainly is a gift from God.

Just because we can train aspects of our soul's expression does not mean that is a spiritual gift in the sense that the term is used in the Bible. Sure, the soul is a gift from God, but it is not the same as the aforementioned "spiritual gifts".

You see, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines," this implies that the Spirit gives certain gifts to each person, as he so decides. What you're talking about is simply the gift of life, the ability to train and use one's soul.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

Quote from: Hech on August 18, 2006, 07:33:27 AM

First, do you ignore the entire post of kakkarot?

I read it. I just have to choose a handful of things to reply to at a time unless I want the conversation to balloon significantly. :)

Quote from: Hech on August 18, 2006, 07:33:27 AM

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In that case, typing right now is a miracle, because is not the body that is "fearfully and wonderfully made" miraculous?

Something is miraculous if it is either supernatural, or if it inspires admiring awe, surprise, etc. Usually both of these are required for something to be considered under the scope of the word "miraculous". This is why I answered my own rhetorical question of "Are they miraculous?" by saying, "That's more a question of how people are affected by them."

Abilities of the soul are "supernatural" for most definitions of supernatural, and since Christians of course believe the soul comes from God, that of course means those abilities come from God. Then, determining if they are miraculous or not is simply a question of what effect the use of those abilities has on people.

Quote from: Hech on August 18, 2006, 07:33:27 AM

Sure, the soul is a gift from God, but it is not the same as the aforementioned "spiritual

gifts".

I see no reason to make more distinctions than are necessary. The same mechanism is capable of describing both sets of events. Simple reasoning says that you can presume two sets of events are explainable by the same mechanism if that single mechanism can fully account for both sets of events. So is Jesus's soul, and thus his ability, more powerful than the typical human soul? Quite probably. But that doesn't require us to imagine an entirely separate mechanism to explain something of a similar nature and effect to what we understand.

Quote from: Hech on August 18, 2006, 07:33:27 AM

You see, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines," this implies that the Spirit gives certain gifts to each person, as he so decides. What you're talking about is simply the gift of life, the ability to train and use one's soul.

"As he so decides" is a description added based on one's philosophy about free will and the influence of God over humanity's actions. Does God decide our actions, or do we decide our actions? Does the question itself even make sense given the different levels of operation of God and humanity? For the sake of this conversation, who cares? It's a question for which we can leave the answer as a personal opinion for now, and if we want, debate it elsewhere.

Again, I think the basic point is that we should not think that miraculous events are devalued in any way by the fact that we've reached a point where we can begin to understand the operating mechanisms behind them. Understanding how a car works does not change its usefulness, and understanding how the internet works does not make it less amazing. Neither does understanding how supernatural abilities are performed by ordinary humans or by Jesus make them any less amazing. We should not be afraid to understand parts of the divine.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

I understand what you're saying, but you're missing the point of these last few posts by kakkarot and myself: The verse was taken entirely out of context.

Spiritual gifts are gifts which should ONLY be used for edification, if telepathy is a spiritual gift, then you cannot use it unless it edifies other believers. That's ridiculous. In fact, telepathy is never mentioned as a spiritual gift, yet you say any expression and ability of the soul seems to be a spiritual gift.

Sure, you can perform precognition as a trained ability. But the prophets of God did not receive these divine prophecies by their own ability, no, this was a gift from God and they received the prophecies with no training or skill.

You see, the mechanisms ARE different. I can punch a person or I can kick a person, the outcome is the same but it doesn't mean the source is the same. In one case, the person performs the task (believer of God or not) via trained ability. In the other case, the servant of God is divinely given the information because they have been given that particular gift.

The Spirit decides who receives what gift, just like God decided how both Adam and Eve would look and how He would create the universe. This doesn't remove free will. If you want to discuss free will and predetermination, we could do so in another thread.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

Kobok: You describe psi as 1) internal, 2) innate to human nature, 3) something that needs to be developed.

Yet all of the bible authors describe the Holy Spirit as 1) external, 2) innate to God's nature, which is wholly distinct from man's nature, 3) something given by God as God chooses to give it.

If you're describing something that is fundamentally different than what more than two dozen others, who've directly experienced what they're talking about so there is no reason to discount their words simply by saying it is nothing more than "an explanation for mysterious events by an unseen agent", are talking about then obviously you're talking about two different things. You, two thousand years later, cannot simply discount the experiences that plenty of people had for much of their lives (the HS stayed with these people, it wasn't a single event that they had to reminisce upon) just because you want to interpret their words to fit your experiences.

If what you've experienced is different from what they've experienced, then you're not talking about the same thing. The Holy Spirit is not Psi. If you won't take Peter's (an apostle of Jesus, which you are not) word for it, if you won't take Joel's (a Prophet of Jehovah, which you are not) word for it, Jesus' word for it (who is the Christ, which you are not), and even God's word for it (the Creator of all things and the owner of His own personal spirit, which you are not) then by what authority do you say all these people are wrong?

~kakkarot

Lu 3:22

and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.

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Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

Quote from: kakkarot on August 18, 2006, 07:50:37 PM

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Yet all of the bible authours describe the Holy Spirit as 1) external, 2) innate to God's nature, which is wholly distinct from man's nature, 3) something given by God as God chooses to give it.

The resolution to that is quite simple: Psi is not the Holy Spirit.

And of course, it could not be. The Holy Spirit is not an ability, it is a Counselor.

This is the Holy Spirit.

These are the gifts of the spirit (Note, these are "gifts", which are "abilities", and thus are not the same as the Counselor, which serves as a guide.)

Quote from: Hech

Spiritual gifts are gifts which should ONLY be used for edification, if telepathy is a spiritual gift, then you cannot use it unless it edifies other believers.

Here is a warning to not dismiss various gifts (of which psi would be an excellent example) because you think them lesser, less important, or less edifying. (And I would argue that the path of psi is far more edifying than speaking in tongues. I also believe that if psi had existed under the name "psi" back then, Paul would have agreed, given his later comments about speaking in tongues.)

Quote from: Hech

Sure, you can perform precognition as a trained ability. But the prophets of God did not recieve these divine prophecies by there own ability, no, this was a gift from God and they recieved the prophecies with no training or skill.

Paul would disagree with you, for he frequently encourages people to actively seek out and control spiritual gifts, so that they can be used productively and wisely.

"But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way."

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy."

"Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church"

"The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets."

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Re: Frequently Asked Questions about Psi

what bible have you been reading, kobok? the more i get to know of your understanding of the bible, it seems to be heavily influenced by gnosticism and personal interpretations based on trying to reconcile your personal experiences with what you read in some books (the books in this case being the bible).

Quote from: kobok

Here is a warning to not dismiss various gifts (of which psi would be an excellent example)

You've failed to actually show that psi is a gift from God, as your association is based on assumptions that "everything is from God"

Quote from: kobok

What do you think gifts of the spirit are? Gifts of the spirit are gifts of the soul, and gifts of the soul are abilities of the soul, and abilities of the soul are called psi.

gifts of the spirit are gifts of the Spirit of God, not men. first and most important break, as you've completely failed to show that the gifts given by the Holy Spirit as talked about in the bible are innate to men.

Holy Spirit (notice how there's more to it than just being a counsellor?)

Spirit of God

Spirit of the Lord

my spirit

Now, cut out the verses that have nothing to do with God and read (such as in psalms where david says "my spirit" when he is talking about his own spirit). I'm going to stop debating this now, as it's all in the bible and I shouldn't be making this into a debate but should instead be helping people learn. If some wants to disagree with me, then fine: i'm human, i could be wrong. But at the very least, if someone wants to know what the bible has to say on this, they can read it for themselves in the above links and more.

~kakkarot

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Quote from: kakkarot on August 21, 2006, 07:22:22 PM

Quote from: kobok

Here is a warning to not dismiss various gifts (of which psi would be an excellent example)

You've failed to actually show that psi is a gift from God, as your association is based on assumptions that "everything is from God"

Psi is by definition a gift of the soul, and I trust that given your beliefs you will agree without citation that the soul is from God. Therefore, the abilities of the soul are given by God, even though he does not dictate our usage of them any more than he dictates the usage of our arms or legs.

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What do you think gifts of the spirit are? Gifts of the spirit are gifts of the soul, and gifts of the soul are abilities of the soul, and abilities of the soul are called psi.

gifts of the spirit are gifts of the Spirit of God, not men. first and most important break, as you've completely failed to show that the gifts given by the Holy Spirit as talked about in the bible are innate to men.

I do not believe you have shown support for the claim that the spiritual gifts talked about by Paul are executed solely by the Holy Spirit and not by men. Toward the end of 1 Corinthians 12, Paul refers to the "gifts of administration". Are you going to claim that the gift of administration is done by the Holy Spirit and not by man? I think the more plain and simple interpretation is that he is describing various actions of people and the contributions they can make with their various gifts.

And to reaffirm that this even applies to the "big" gifts, Paul said that the gift of prophecy

should be (and can be) controlled by the prophet, as I showed above. And I already established above that faith of the individual can enable and disable the gifts.

Quote from: kakkarot on August 21, 2006, 07:22:22 PM
Holy Spirit (notice how there's more to it than just being a counsellor?)

These are largely providing no information about the Holy Spirit (only mentioning it in passing), not on topic, or in concert with the definition of the Holy Spirit provided by Jesus. If you can find a specific one which is in contradiction, please present it. But I would probably go with a definition given by a quote of Jesus over a more subtle implication in another verse.

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The John quote about the HS is just one of the tasks the HS does. To say that it is the only thing God's Spirit does is to ignore much of the rest of the bible.

Gifts: Hebrews 2:4

God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Err, I guess that kills your theory that the gifts are inherent to mankind ("it" that God is testifying to is the message of salvation, vs 3) >.> but since you ask so nicely I'll continue.

Prophecy: Mark 12:36

David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

Luke 1:67

His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
Acts 1:16

and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus--

Acts 4:25

You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

Acts 21:11

Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'"

Acts 28:25

They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Prophecy AND Tongues: Acts 19:6

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Tongues: Acts 2:4

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Revelation: Luke 2:26

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Power: Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

God's Love: Romans 5:5

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Seal as proof of salvation: Ephesians 1:13

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Rebirth and Renewal: Ephesians 3:5

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Misc: Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:16

to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

And notice here that Paul makes a clear distinction between the Holy Spirit and himself: Acts 15:28

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

Phew, and that's just the Holy Spirit link. If you'll notice in certain verses among all of those links (like 1 Corinthians 12:3 and Ephesians 4:30), the Holy Spirit is just one of the names the Spirit of the LORD goes by, so I certainly implore you to look into the other links as well :)

~kakkarot

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Hebrews in that, and surrounding text, is basically trying to establish and emphasize how powerful God is and how important Jesus is. So just about everything would be "distributed according to his will" in such a passage, including the food you had for dinner yesterday. I do not find this to rule out the passages I showed above which explain the spiritual gifts as gifts controllable by people.

Regarding the rest, I am not persuaded by posting volume. It would be better if you made a concise point using the select points you found most strong. Most of those quotes seem to be references to the Holy Spirit that are made almost as an afterthought, with a description of an event, and a comma clause postulating that it must have been by the Holy Spirit.

In addition, I think we are getting substantially off topic here. If one has to reach far into theological speculation about the nature of God to find a reason to not do psi, when the straightforward spiritual message of Christianity operates fine in concert with the path of psi, then I think it is no longer an important point of contention.

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How is it that you can read into statements that merely say "Yeah, God gave you a gift so now you can control it" and twist them to say "The gift is a natural part of you, you just have to develop it" and yet fail to acknowledge the statements which are directly and explicitly stating their claims that the spiritual gifts talked about in the bible are not inherent to men but are given out by God on an individual basis? (and also, you'll read in Matthew and, I think, Luke that God will give out food and clothes, but I don't recall that in Hebrews :))

Secondly, volume is important in this case as it shows and overwhelming support for the number of claims that the HS is 1) more than just a counsellor and 2) the source of the spiritual gifts given by God to individuals as God choses (not as men develop).

Edit: And lastly, I'm not trying to find a reason not to do psi, I'm saying your reasoning for doing psi is unfounded as you're the one trying to reach too far into a theology that doesn't support the use of psi to try and say that psi should be done. The straightforward message of christianity is this: God created everything, men rebelled against god (sin), God spent time punishing men and trying to tell them to turn back to Him until He finally sent "His Son" as a sin sacrifice for the sins of all men who would accept it and then turn back to Him. The base message has nothing to do with metaphysics at all.

~kakkarot

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A standard fallacy used by some Christians is that if something is not mentioned in the bible, it is against Christianity. Usually things are not mentioned in the bible because they or the terms and models used to describe them didn't exist back then (like psi). I believe it is more useful to look and see if something new is in concert with the spiritual message of Christianity, and I find psi to be very much in concert with this, and thus, should be encouraged for this reason.

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That's the base mythology of Christianity as constructed by religious scholars. The base MESSAGE of Christianity is love and charity (helping others, and raising them up spiritually). Everything else is beneath this.

And does psi help people to rise up spiritually and to help others? Yes.

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Quote from: kobok

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I didn't say anything about psi being against christianity! I said

Quote from: kakkarot

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where in that do you read "a theology that is against the use of psi"?

Psi is not in the bible (unless you rewrite what the bible actually says). You're wrong. (I apologize for this last statement that I removed. It was rather rude.)

~kakkarot

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I don't believe I ever said that the word psi is in the bible, or that the specific paradigm of psi is present in the bible (and in fact, it obviously could not be since it was largely developed in the 20th century). The original question in the FAQ is, "Can I be a Christian and do psi?", and the answer I provide is "Yes. I am. I have made my peace with God, and I find that psi strengthens my personal relationship with God. It is up to

you to see if this path also fits you. Here are some verses you may find inspirational:" followed by a collection of verses which I find to be applicable to the spiritual value of psi and to the call for Christians to do great works which have potential to uplift others.

The debate started because you proposed that the gifts of the spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12/13 are automatic performances that require no human action to accomplish them, and I objected to this by referring to the actions of Peter and the descriptions by Paul. Then I pointed out that spiritual gifts and psi possess fundamental similarities in nature and behavior, and that the differences are not in the nature of their performance, but in the culture and paradigm surrounding them (just as the differences between psi and magick are largely in the culture and paradigm surrounding them).

Now everytime one proposes that two paradigms have a similar fundamental nature this inevitably angers someone who holds one paradigm as more valuable than the other. I can remember countless debates I've had in my life with people who think magick is different from psi because magick is supposed to use something called "external energy" and psi is supposed to use something called "internal energy". I consider a claim that spiritual gifts of Corinthians use the Holy Spirit while psi uses the soul to be not much different from the claims made by those who tried to draw a similarly needless line between magick and psi. In the end, the abilities exhibit most of the same effects, and have many of the same fundamental properties affecting their performance.

If it walks like a duck and it quacks like a duck, even if it's not the exact same as a duck, the meat probably tastes about the same.

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"followed by a collection of verses which I find to be applicable to the spiritual value of psi and to the call for Christians to do great works which have potential to uplift others."

ok then, now we have your motive. prior to this I figured, based on the passages chosen, that you were trying to equate "the use of psi by humans" to "the workings of God by His own authority".

"are automatic performances that require no human action to accomplish them" no *work*, not no action. i do not consider work to simply be action, as work implies effort. ie, you don't have to do focal meditations every day to "get better" at using the gifts of God, whereas you do have to partake in some sort of training/practice in order to develop the ability to use psi to a greater extent.

regarding paradigms, however, different paradigms are not necessarily just portraying the same thing from different viewpoints. after all, if I have a motorized vehicle, which has wheels, is made of metal, and needs someone to drive it, do I have a car or a train or an airplane? I could use all three to get from, say, New York to San Francisco (assuming the trains have such routes set out), but it would be through different methods and different mechanics, even though the result would be the same. And then, if you change the destination from SF to Tokyo, could I still get there? I could if I had the airplane, but not if I had the car or the train. Paradigms are not always equatable, so one must be careful when they start saying "well, there are a few similarities (and just discount the differences by explaining them away as "part of the paradigm"), and you get the same results, so it's probably the same thing".

~kakkarot

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One path uses focal meditation and control of expectations, and the other path uses devoted prayer and faith.

In Matthew 21:21, Jesus refers to the ability to wither a fig tree or move a mountain as requiring great faith and control of ones doubts, and says that these things will work if done properly. He doesn't say, "God will think about it." Yet clearly you can see that this degree of faith and control of doubt does not come without human work to develop both of those, and thus, such abilities are fairly rare.

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I would concur with you in that works done by God alone are not the same as works done by humans. However, it must be stated that from many ways of looking at the world, works done by humans can ALSO be considered works done by God, and thus the most important aspect of that statement is "works done by God alone". But when we're talking about spiritual gifts performed by humans, with many verses having been presented so far about the human contribution of work and control regarding the performance of these gifts, then we are not talking about works done by God alone.

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"and the other path uses devoted prayer and faith." you're still treating it like "you do x to get y" as though there's some hard and fast rule for determining who God will chose to give His Spirit to. The closest thing to a hard and fast "rule" in this regard is that God gave authority to Jesus (Matthew 28:18) that if Jesus decided someone should have the HS then God would give it to that person, and Jesus even gave authority to the apostles

such that if the apostles decided someone should have the HS then God would honour that decision by giving that person the HS.

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And ironically, control of doubt is one of the easiest things for a human being to do, as we grew up doing that very thing by fully trusting our parents until we learned that they're not perfect enough to completely trust. (there's a good reason why Jesus continually refers to Jehovah as his "Father", and it's not mere ideology. It's yet another method to illustrate that Jehovah wants to have a deep and personal relationship with each individual person, just like a Father "should" have with their children)

"works done by humans can ALSO be considered works done by God" it can also be stated that from many ways of looking at the world, works done by humans are JUST works done by humans. How many people in the world would actually consider that Mother Teresa was actually doing the will of God rather than her own? A lot. But how many would consider the opposite, that she was simply helping other people with no help from God? A lot as well. So, it does get iffy when you start putting humans into the mix, I'll agree to that.

Is there a hard and fast rule to determine who's doing things by God's power and who's doing things by their own power? Not that I can think of. Does it matter if you just care about the results? No. Does it matter for other reasons? It can, depending on the reason. Simon the Sorcerer, for instance, was performing wondrous works by his own power and was glorifying himself, so the apostles weren't exactly happy that he wanted to buy the Holy Spirit. Was it simply a matter of thinking he could purchase the HS that made Peter so mad, the idea of exchanging money for the ability to perform wondrous things? No. It was because his heart was not right before God.

Can a person perform Psi and have their heart right before God? Yes. But a person can also practice psi and NOT have their heart right before God. On the other hand, it'd be fairly difficult to have the Spirit of the Creator of all things resting in your self and have your heart wrong before God (or at least, if God is with you, you should be in the process of "righting" yourself before God, which is one of the purposes that God sent

His Holy Spirit to dwell among men, with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit being proof (primarily to the recipients) that it's from God and not men).

Micah 6:8

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

The first two, act justly and love mercy, are walking in the ways of God, but the third one is walking WITH God. And how can a person walk with another person if that person isn't *right there* in their life? Can I walk in the ways of George W. Bush without ever having met him? Sure, I can learn about how George does things and why and to what ends, and I can emulate that (maybe not perfectly, but I can still do a damned good job of it). But to walk with George would require a close spatial relationship between our physical persons over a period of time. Since God is not limited to a physical body, as we supposedly are, God does not require to be "physically" close to us, but there is still a need for His personality/thoughts/identity/actions/"psyche" to be close to our personality/thoughts/identity/actions/"psyche" in order for us to walk with Him. How can that be accomplished? Via His Own Personal Soul living within us as we live (the body is the temple for the HS). Just performing acts of great wonders are child's play for God, but living with God is the real reason for redemption, and it is the message of the bible. "helping others, and raising them up spiritually" is walking in the ways of God, which is a neccessary part of walking with God but is not the actual walking with God.

Edit: Btw, parts of my previous post and this one mean I'm apologizing for starting the debate (I too often imply things without explicitly stating them). I didn't realize you were quoting those passages in 3.2 to edify people, I thought you were using them to nudge along the idea that christians "should" practice psi.

~kakkarot

PS Here's the two passages where Jesus says God will clothe and feed His people Matthew and Luke which I have yet to find in Hebrews.

Phew, this ballooned way more than I expected it to.

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Actually, I'm treating it as though God gave us free will to direct our own actions in this respect, and as though he does not do everything for us, because he wants us to learn how to do things and how to make decisions to do things.

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The precise meaning of "faith" as used by Jesus is complicated, and the subject of a multitude of volumes full of scholarly debate. It can't appropriately be trivialized as belief, nor can it be summarized as simply trusting God. Faith is an active and intentful process, and it is not just a general trait, but can also be very specific to certain circumstances.

Also, prayer is not as simple as talking. The words used in prayer don't mean much of anything in comparison to the spiritual content, intent, and focus of the prayer.

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"works done by humans can ALSO be considered works done by God" it can also be stated that from many ways of looking at the world, works done by humans are JUST works done by humans. How many people in the world would actually consider that Mother Teresa was actually doing the will of God rather than her own? A lot. But how many would consider the opposite, that she was simply helping other people with no help from God? A lot as well. So, it does get iffy when you start putting humans into the mix, I'll agree to that.

Is there a hard and fast rule to determine who's doing things by God's power and who's doing things by their own power? Not that I can think of. Does it matter if you just care about the results? No. Does it matter for other reasons? It can, depending on the reason. Simon the Sorcerer, for instance, was performing wondrous works by his own power and was glorifying himself, so the apostles weren't exactly happy that he wanted to buy the Holy Spirit. Was it simply a matter of thinking he could purchase the HS that made Peter so mad, the idea of exchanging money for the ability to perform wondrous things? No. It was because his heart was not right before God.

Can a person perform Psi and have their heart right before God? Yes. But a person can also practice psi and NOT have their heart right before God. On the other hand, it'd be fairly difficult to have the Spirit of the Creator of all things resting in your self and have your heart wrong before God (or at least, if God is with you, you should be in the process of "righting" yourself before God, which is one of the purposes that God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell among men, with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit being proof (primarily to the recipients) that it's from God and not men).

Micah 6:8

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

The first two, act justly and love mercy, are walking in the ways of God, but the third one is walking WITH God. And how can a person walk with another person if that person isn't *right there* in their life? Can I walk in the ways of George W. Bush without ever having met him? Sure, I can learn about how George does things and why and to what ends, and I can emulate that (maybe not perfectly, but I can still do a damned good job of it). But to walk with George would require a close spatial relationship between our physical persons over a period of time. Since God is not limited to a physical body, as we supposedly are, God does not require to be "physically" close to us, but there is still a need for His personality/thoughts/identity/actions/"psyche" to be close to our personality/thoughts/identity/actions/"psyche" in order for us to walk with Him. How can that be accomplished? Via His Own Personal Soul living within us as we live (the body is the temple for the HS). Just performing acts of great wonders are child's play for God, but living with God is the real reason for redemption, and it is the message of the bible. "helping others, and raising them up spiritually" is walking in the ways of God, which is a neccessary part of walking with God but is not the actual walking with God.

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Goes fairly slow for me, too; I think it's intended.

Don't think I've ever seen the swirly-cliche-hypnosis-wheel-thing and the buzzing noise in one package, though. Nice little thing to try.

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If your heart is large enough to envelop your adversaries, you can see right through them and avoid their attacks. And once you envelop them, you will be able to guide them along the path indicated to you by heaven and earth.

~Morihei Ueshiba

April 11, 2006, 07:21:00 PMReply #4

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So the audio in this applet is composed of binaural beats? If that is the case, I assume I will not be achieving the best results from its usage, as the wire to my left earpiece in my headphones is inexplicably loose. However, I still tested the applet for a short time, and I think it's great! The blue spiral is very captivating, and the humming sound--even though I'm only hearing half of it--is rather peaceful. Moreover, this is convenient because it's an Applet (it's compatible with just about everything imaginable) and even more generally, because it's oriented for the computer.

TakeV: I wondered the same thing, but after staring at it for a while, I think I may understand why. The slow and subtle movement of the spiral seemed to add to its withdrawing effect, in such a way that the motion wasn't the focus of attention, but it could still cause that imagined feeling of moving towards the monitor. Also, it would seem to me that the more active the image is, the less it would promote a slowed, altered state of mind. The "mood" of the applet is peaceful, and the slow-moving rate fits this well. Also, if you look at it carefully, you can see that the frame rate is actually pretty high; it's just that the spiral just isn't rotating very quickly. Then again, that could just be your computer's processing speed affecting the frame rate. (Besides, Java's just a slow language in general, because it's run through an interpreter of sorts.)

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Re: Ganzfeld Meditation Applet

Quote from: TakeV on April 11, 2006, 05:31:43 PM

Though, is it suppost to move like 1 fps?

It actually tries to keep itself at a steady 16 fps, and the pattern should repeat in around 3-4 seconds. I just updated the routine keeping its framerate constant to make it smoother on more systems. If it is not doing this for you, and ends up with jerky movement, then this probably means you are either doing something else which is occupying all of your computer's time, or you have an older version of java which is rendering graphics more slowly. Sun significantly improved the graphics routines with release 1.5, so you should upgrade at the link above if you are having this problem.

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I like it, well done.

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"There's a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part, you can't even passively take part, and you've got

to put your bodies on the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers... and you've got to make it stop!"

Mario Savio

April 21, 2006, 08:38:26 AMReply #8

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I sat down for a couple of minutes looking at it, it was good, but I had my rather annoying vrother in the room at the time listening to the tv, and he's slighly deaf so I also had another distrction, I'll try it under a more controlled enviroment tonight..

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Finding some things difficult and need a extra hand, Apply for a mentor that's what were here for <http://forums.v society.net/index.php?topic=9706.0>

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but it shouldn't matter if there is a background noise or not. when i decide to meditate nothing but silence fills my ears no matter what the sound is around me. i simply don't hear anything other than what is myself. so it really shouldn't matter at all, unless, of course you are the type of person who is easily distracted by such things, although I do admit that it does help me to reach that state.

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the pixilated moving lines were very distracting, and doesnt blue put alot of strain on your eyes? shouldnt it be red or black? anyways everytime i got into it those damned lines would pull me away and if you dont get really into it right away youll just end up with a headache, or atleaste i will

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Can you clarify what you mean by "pixelated moving lines"? It does not appear very pixelated to me.

As for red and black, the first version was in fact red and black. The beta testers nearly unanimously reported that the contrast was too sharp with red and black, and that this was distracting, so a more calming set of blues with lower contrast were chosen which met with higher approval.

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ive found it helpful to first close my eyes to allow no visual sensory input, and when i start to feel the sensation of a near translike meditation session i open my eyes and concentrate on the center, before i did that i was not focused enough and as the lines became bigger ,on my moniter they appeared slightly jagged and that was very distracting, but the main thing is that this helps me to achieve the level of concentration of deep meditation much more quickly,well anyways i would personally prefer red as it puts less strain on my eyes but i am stll very appreciative of what has been provided, and although it may not be personally optimal it is still very effective

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When you learn how to meditate you have to learn how to clear your mind and not let it become distracted to outside disturbances. It's all about how much energy you put towards meditation. If you are becoming distracted, it's because you are placing more of your energy on the disturbances rather than using the energy to clear your mind. That's why meditation is so difficult at first.

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I tried using this applet today instead of doing normal focal meditation. I was pretty happy with the results. A light trance that normally takes minutes to fall into came over me within seconds. The other notable factor was that everything else aside from the dot kept blacking out as though I was trying to slip into a deeper meditative state. I normally experience this sensation two or three times when doing normal focal meditation and then fall right back out of it. However, with the applet, I was able to fall into this brief state at least twenty times.

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What is up with the clicking sound in my headphones after using the applet???

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Sir Robert:I'm sorry,Mum. It's all my fault.I should've sent you away.I tried to suggest something was wrong.I thought you might notice.Did you think there was nothing strange about my household staff?

The Doctor:Well,they were bald, athletic...your wife's away,I just thought you were happy

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very helpful, especially since I ran outta candles =/

Thanks a lot =)

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\\\"Undefined wisdom over hypocritical self-deceit\\\"

-Anton Szandor Lavey

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this works great, you can also pause it by clicking on it.

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Quote from: TakeV on April 11, 2006, 08:01:11 PM

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Actually, java is quite fast compared to C++. Java code is compiled for a Virtual Machine, which is sort of like a "fake" computer in a real computer. I won't go into the specifics, but here's some further reading for those who want to:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_Java_and_C%2B%2B

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Even if tomorrow turns pale I shall get it and show you
It's a rolling dream, What I'd like to go after
If you stop it will get away, It's a matter of not losing heart

It's a rolling dream.....

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Quote from: Darkrain on February 13, 2009, 09:09:56 PM

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1. Introduction

The object of this article is to present a very basic series of qigong forms, starting with meditation and moving to standing meditation, and finally concluding with the practice of the microcosmic orbit.

This article eschews a lot of the basic terminology presented in my other, more complete guide to qigong, called Beginning Daoist Qigong, for the sake of accessibility and simplicity. It also eschews conceptualization, such as meridian systems, for the sake of brevity and simplicity. The fact of the matter is that qigong can still be practiced by anyone regardless of their capacity to learn and memorize Chinese terminology in an effort to more fully understand what is going on energetically as taught by Daoist qigong masters. Therefore, a lot of terms used in my other writing are not present here.

If you seek a complete holistic paradigm and advanced Daoist alchemical techniques, please refer to my other writing. If you are busy, pressed for time, and yet still have an interest in learning qigong, this guide is for you. If you are a complete beginner who has never meditated and has no idea what qigong even is, this guide is for you. With that said, let's move on.

2. Void Meditation

The first thing we want to do is try and get in touch with our energy. In Chinese, the word for energy is "qi" (pronounced "chee"). Sometimes, it is translated as breath; and it is very true that breath controls subtle energy flow in the body. Henceforth, when talking about energy I will simply use the term "qi" to refer to it. Additionally, in Chinese, "gong" means "work", so therefore "qigong" translates to "breath work" or "energy work". That is it for beginning terminology.

The best way to actually feel our qi is through meditation. Meditation is simple, yet can be deceptively complex. Like many things in life, it is paradoxical in nature.

Begin by finding a cool, dry, quiet place. Make sure you are free from outside distractions such as TVs, other people who aren't meditating, and loud sounds/music. You want a quiet, peaceful environment. Some meditators say that going and finding a place in a park, outside by a tree or stream, has helped them greatly. Regardless, meditation can be practiced indoors, or anywhere you feel comfortable. The key is to feel comfortable while you meditate.

Sit down crosslegged and rest your hands on top of your knees. Make sure your back is straight and you don't slouch as you sit in place. Now, slowly breath in deep through the nose, and allow your lungs to fill completely with air. Do not hold your breath. Exhale, and allow your lungs to slowly completely release the breath you just took in. Repeat this cycle. If a thought arises in your head, let it go. If you feel your mind wandering, let it wander, but focus on your breathing most of all. Allow yourself to perceive any ideas or thoughts that come to you; acknowledge the thought and move on, as you focus on deep abdominal breathing.

Feel the tension in your body melt away with each breath, and see the tension leaving your body as you exhale. Perhaps the tension appears as a murky cloud; perhaps there isn't any cloud, and you see nothing at all. Regardless, continue to breath deeply and focus on your breath, until it becomes natural to just breath deeply and sit.

Eventually, you may notice flashing patterns of light on your inner eyelids. These are called neural discharges, and they are the result of the increased oxygen flow to the brain causing the nerve synapses in your visual cortex to be overstimulated. Disregard the colorful lights and continue to breath, just existing in Void. Thoughts will come to you less and less often as you deepen your state of mind through meditation and focusing on breathing.

At this point, you should feel very relaxed, and you might feel an electric buzz all around you. It may move around or stay in one spot. It can feel like a very strong heat all over, or it can feel like a very strong chill. Some people feel it most strongly around the head and spine areas. This feeling is your personal qi, or energy flow. If you cannot feel it, don't worry. It can be very subtle, and it takes different people different amounts of time

meditating before they can truly feel their qi. It was once said about meditation- "A moment to learn, a lifetime to master."

"What's that Kouji? I just felt my qi, by simply sitting here and breathing?"

Yes, it is that simple. ^_^ Just sitting and breathing deeply takes you to a state of mind where you can perceive many things you otherwise couldn't. Continue to meditate until you feel satisfied. To conclude the meditation, say to yourself:

"I am going to count to five, and return to reality."

Starting from one, count to five in your head. Try and time each count on breaths. Breath in, breath out, one. Breath in, breath out, two. When you reach five, open your eyes and say internally, "I am finished meditating for now." Stand up and stretch. This concludes Void Meditation. Before moving on to Dantian meditation, practice Void meditation until you are comfortable, and until you can feel your qi in a relaxed state of meditation.

3. Dantian Meditation

Next, we are going to meditate again, but this time our meditation is different. Some people call this exercise "Dantian breathing". First, I must define what the Dantian is. Dantian is a Chinese word (pronounced don-dee-on) that means "elixir field". Sorry, I know I said there'd be no more Chinese terms to learn, but this one is very important. The Dantian is a point in your body that is the center for all of your energy, your qi. It is located about three inches below the navel and one inch inward. If you have studied yoga at all, you'll recognize this point as being the location of svadhisthana chakra, as well. Anyway, familiarize yourself with this point on your body. Take your index finger and poke yourself rather hard at that point, then close your eyes and focus on the residual sensation of pain there. This is the kind of focus we are going to need in meditation.

Go to your meditation spot of choice and sit down crosslegged. Rest your hands on your knees, again. Keep your back straight and don't slouch, if you have trouble with this try resting your back against a wall or if outdoors, a tree. Begin to breath deep, in through the nose and out through the mouth. Allow yourself to meditate just like in Void Meditation, but when you get to that point (called gnosis) where you have few thoughts and neural discharges, you want to change your focus.

Focus on the Dantian. All of your focus and attention becomes that spot. Touch your tongue to the roof of the mouth. Now, as you breath in, focus and perceive the breath filling your body with qi. As you exhale, perceive all of the negative energy, emotion, and pain leaving your body with the breath outward. Continue this for about five minutes. After five minutes, the focus on the belly remains the same. Now, begin to visualize each breath coming in through the nostrils as a golden light: as you breath in, see and feel the qi coming into you from the air around you as a golden-white light that

reaches the Dantian, then expands throughout the body. When you exhale, see the stress leaving your body as a red fog. If you find it difficult to visualize in such a manner, instead feel the qi moving into the Dantian as that electric, hot sensation moving through your body. Feel the negative qi leave your body as you exhale in the same manner. Repeat this until you feel energized all over, with the feeling centered in the Dantian.

When you are finished, count from one to five in your head with each breath, and say to yourself after five: "I am finished meditating for now." Stand up and stretch a bit. You may notice strong feelings of heat or warmth throughout the body. The fine hairs on the arms and legs may stand on end. These are normal side effects of Dantian meditation and a good indicator of progression in meditation. This concludes Dantian meditation.

It is recommended to practice Void meditation before practicing Dantian meditation. Traditionally, Dantian meditation is practiced for 100 days before beginning any kind of other qigong practice. You should practice Dantian meditation enough to become familiar with the sensation of qi moving in the body: it should feel like an electric tingle moving throughout the body, guided by your mind, and centered in the Dantian. When you finish Dantian meditation, you should feel very energized and alert. For the purposes of the busy individual, I would recommend doing nothing but Dantian meditation for a week before progressing further with this guide. The coming exercises are similar to Dantian meditation, but they include static and dynamic standing postures. Regardless, it is up to the individual to decide when they are ready to move on.

4. Wuji Stance

This exercise is the first exercise we'll do standing up. It is part of what is called "silk reeling postures", or baduanjin in Chinese, and we are going to practice the first form called Wuji (woo*chee), or "Great Ultimate". Sometimes people call this practice "zhan zhuang" (jan-jew-wong) as well. The stance itself is easy to learn, and difficult to master, but learning it and practicing it has great health benefits. It strengthens the leg muscles in the body very well, and is a form of standing meditation.

Stand up with your feet shoulder width apart. Now, bend at the knees slightly and keep your feet flat on the floor. Lower the buttocks, and keep your back perpendicular to the ground. Keep your hands at your sides, open loosely and naturally. Have your weight evenly distributed on both legs. Put your tongue on the roof of the mouth, as in Dantian meditation. Picture yourself as a tree mentally, with roots sinking deep into the earth. Relax, and adjust to this new stance for meditation while you breathe deeply.

Begin to focus on the Dantian. Take deep breaths in through the nose, and out through the mouth. Begin to feel the qi energizing you as you pull it in and down to the Dantian as a golden-white light with your inhalation. However, this time as you focus on the dantian, also focus on the qi coming up into you from the ground through those roots I told you to picture earlier. So, as you relax and meditate in Wuji, you have light coming into your body through your nostrils and circling, filling the dantian; as well as light

coming into your dantian from below, flowing up the legs. Both of these flows meet at that one point in your center, the Dantian. Continue breathing this way for as long as possible; a good time to stop would be when your legs are very sore or shaky from standing in one position for longer than you're used to.

Figure A: Wuji Stance

Eventually, with practice, you should be able to stand that way for a half hour to 45 minutes at a time, breathing and pulling in qi. At first, you may only be able to practice this method for 5-10 minutes before becoming too sore to continue. That is okay, what is important is that you are practicing, and you are using intention to pull qi into your body with breathwork. That is what qigong is about. ^_^ You don't want to overdo it either; practice this form as much as it is comfortable to practice.

5. Lifting the Sky

The next exercise is the first exercise to involve movement while meditating. It is called Lifting the Sky.

Stand in Wuji for about five minutes and practice Void meditation. Breathe deeply and calmly, and feel the tension in your body sink away into the ground. Now, move your hands from your sides to be directly in front of you, palms up, with the middle fingers on each hand touching. Your hands should be loose and relaxed, and they should be in front of you at about the same level as the dantian is (in front of your waist). Now, take a deep inhalation, and move both your arms upwards and over your head until the palms are facing towards the sky. Your neck should be craned back and looking upwards. Exhale, and bring your hands down in front of you again to the starting position. As you do this, meditate in a fashion similar to Void meditation; there is no focus on qi, as the form itself causes qi movement in the body, and any focus on qi on your behalf will only impede the purpose of the form. Repeat this qigong form as much as you want to.

Figure B: Lifting the Sky

6. Pushing Water

This exercise is another one involving movement, and practiced within a mindset of Void meditation. It is called Pushing Water.

Begin by standing in Wuji for five minutes and focusing on your breath. When you are in

a sufficient state of mind, we are ready to begin. As you breath in, bend at the knees and sink your weight downward while still keeping the back straight. Your knees should be facing outwards at about a 45 degree angle and you should be up on the balls of your feet as you sink your weight lower. Simultaneously raise the hands outward to the side until the palms and arms are parallel to the ground. Exhale, and return to the starting position, slowly lowering your arms back to their sides and raising the weight upward, completing the Wuji stance again. Repeat this form as many times as you feel comfortable doing, and once again, the exercise is to be done in a Void mindset. Don't focus on the Dantian at all, or try and move qi into your system, as the exercise itself does that for you. Instead, simply focus on your breath and the exercise itself.

Figure C: Pushing Water

7. Microcosmic Orbit

This exercise is a sitting meditation that improves the quality of your qi by taking the qi you have cultivated and cycling it in a beneficial manner through two meridians, or qi channels in the body. PLEASE NOTE that this exercise is NOT to be taken lightly. It is a very powerful practice and can be dangerous if practiced improperly, too soon, or with an incorrect focus. Traditionally, this exercise was taught only to disciples who had practiced the former exercises, and many others, over a period of two years time. I would therefore recommend that you DO NOT practice this exercise until you have been doing Dantian meditation for 100 days time. I myself did not practice the microcosmic orbit until I had been doing basic meditation and qigong exercises for about 8 months. Please do not take this warning lightly; dementia, qi stagnation and blockages in the energy body can develop if this exercise is practiced before the individual is ready for it.

That said, begin by sitting down with your legs crossed and the palms of the hands covering the knees. Remember to keep your back straight and maintain proper posture. Practice void meditation until you are in the state of gnosis (neural discharge, a feeling of connectedness with qi, etc). The steps below cover the entirety of one circulation of the microcosmic orbit meditation.

- a. With your eyes open, cross them and stare at the tip of the nose.
- b. Close the anus and squeeze tightly. Keep it this way for the entirety of the circulation. This is done to close the gap called huiyin at the perineum, and bring both energy channels used in the process together. It also helps maintain a straight back and enforce proper posture.
- c. Touch the tip of the tongue to the upper palette in the mouth.

- d. Breathe in deep, and as you do so, focus on the energy in the dantian. Feel it move backwards, rise up the back of the spine, and travel to the top of the head. If you want to, you can visualise the energy as you have been doing- a golden, white light. The qi should arrive at the top of the head as you fill your lungs to capacity with air; try and time the rising qi with your breath.
- e. Exhale, and feel the qi come down the front of the face to the upper palate, where it moves through the tongue and proceeds to "fall" down the front of the body into the dantian.
- f. Relax, uncross the eyes, release the tensed anus, and take a deep, cleansing breath.

Repeat this method five times, and after that you should notice a great deal of saliva in your mouth. Daoists call this the Jade Nectar, it is seen as being a beneficial leftover result from the internal alchemic firing process. Swallow the saliva, and picture a golden, white light begin to envelop the stomach and spread throughout the whole body. After you have done this, you may repeat the method five more times, before pausing after the deep, cleansing breath to swallow the Jade Nectar.

It is generally recommended to only do ten repetitions of the microcosmic orbit for the first week, then twenty the next, and after that max out at 27 repetitions of the exercise. Of course, moderation is key. You don't want to overdo any of these exercises, let alone the microcosmic orbit. This concludes the exercise.

8. Training Pattern by Weeks

Week 1: Void Meditation

Week 2: Void Meditation, followed by Dantian Meditation

Week 3: Dantian Meditation

Week 4: Dantian Meditation

Week 5: Dantian Meditation and Wuji Stance

Week 6: Dantian Meditation and Lifting the Sky

Week 7: Dantian Meditation and Pushing Water

Week 8-12: Dantian Meditation, Wuji, Lifting the Sky and Pushing Water. 10 breaths per exercise before switching to the next.

Week 13: Dantian Meditation and Microcosmic Orbit (10 circulations)

Week 14: Dantian Meditation and Microcosmic Orbit (20 circulations)

Weeks 15-x: Dantian Meditation and Microcosmic Orbit (27 circulations max)*

*After week 15, you can practice any of the exercises at your leisure; the key is to do the ones you enjoy most, while still having Dantian meditation as your basic practice.

9. Conclusion

This concludes my brief introduction to Qigong. I would like to take this space to thank anyone and everyone throughout the years who guided me towards Daoist meditation and qigong. You know who you are.

Please post any questions concerning any exercises in these guides in the Body Energy Arts forum and I will read and try to answer them as promptly as possible. Thank you.

Ren Dao! (Good health)

Koujiryuu

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« Reply #1 on: January 21, 2013, 04:58:55 PM »

For the Lifting the Sky exercise, I can't seem to physically maintain that hand position while lifting them over my head. Am I supposed to change it as I lift them up?

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« Reply #2 on: January 22, 2013, 05:54:43 PM »

The pictures are very old and not clear. Sorry.

Turn your hands palms up, facing the sky, with the fingertips pointing inwards, then bring them across each other and down.

You can even do it a bit lazily like in this video, this is for the Qigong study group students but it shows some of the forms in this article.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xlwx3n_ya8

Hope that helps.

~Kouji

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Cool, thank you very much Kouji! And the pictures are great, I'm just bad at following instructions. xD Thanks again!

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EX Introduction and Overview

In the name of progress and presentation of the most quality articles possible I present you, the reader, with Beginning Daoist Qigong EX. This is an updated, amended version of the guide, including 46 accompanying pictures/diagrams, written to expand on the original article. I received a lot of feedback on the original from many different people since it was released in July '04, and have considered everything which anyone has ever suggested could make the guide better because I want my articles to have a reputation of being high quality.

The suggestion that resounded the most among the majority of people I've spoken to would undoubtedly be "pictures". They help clarify and reinforce the techniques and postures presented and make learning from a guide like this much easier. Since this was the case, I went through a printed version of the original article and marked off every exact place a diagram or picture would fit with a *, using a pen. After marking it thusly, I tallied the amount of stars (and therein pictures I needed to produce) and came up with 26 stars total. Then began the long process of taking pictures, drawing diagrams, etc. and adding them to the article. When I finished (as certain exercises have more than one picture) I had a total of 46 images. I've taken the liberty of dividing the entire guide roughly in half, as it totalled 1672k (!) on a single page, far too large for the majority of people's connection speeds.

It was my original intention, after writing all the text, to provide pictures for absolutely everything. However, at that time I did not have access to a digital camera, which I now do.

I also added a few more questions and answers to the FAQ. A section on Apophaticism and Kataphaticism was added, taken from an old essay on the subject written by a friend. Finally, I realized also that a training supplement guide might be a worthy addition, and added that as well. It is focused around methods of maintaining the bodies' balance and methods of promoting internal strength outside of qigong.

This shall be the last update of the original guide, which already has a few months of effort behind it; for the most part, now, this brings to a close the first chapter of my writings suitably, and has been a preoccupation of mine for a good part of the last year. It's good to finally bring it to a close, so I may finish the rest of what I feel I must write.

Enjoy.

~Koujiryuu

Original Introduction

Daoist qigong. What is it, what are the theories behind it, and how can it affect the individual holistically? This article is the first in a series concerning how this qigong variant can gradually lead to superb health, physically, mentally, and spiritually. Through a training regime consisting of certain ancient stretching exercises, breathing routines, taiji forms, and energy manipulation, a strong energetic base is built which expands throughout realms. A connection with nature and the infinite is present at all times, and heightened senses eventually develop.

Daoist qigong differs in theory and application compared to the qigong in articles written and posted on other sites in the O.E.C.. While those articles have more of an oriental medicine or Confucian spin, with accompanying theory, this series of articles views qigong differently. It is a bit more esoteric in nature, and will involve more techniques to be applied in the fighting arts and healing spectrums. It also uses a different system of meridians, and focuses much more on regulating the balance between yin and yang. A lot of it aligns with the philosophy of Daoism.

The style of qigong presented here is heavily esoteric, and eventually serves to develop a strong mind/body/spirit connection, and eventually is said to lead to immortality. It is based upon ancient Chinese exercises called 'daoyin' or 'Tao-in', and focuses heavily upon the circulation and recirculation of qi to strengthen the energy body, as opposed to some other styles which focus upon the expending of the life force in order to produce 'powers' of a paranormal nature. If you are looking for ways to gain supernatural/psychic powers, I heavily suggest you take up the study of psionics or 'magic', as opposed to qigong.

This isn't to say that a qigong practitioner can't learn certain methods of applying the qi in order to achieve seemingly superhuman feats- merely that this guide focuses particularly on spirituality, and thus these types of abilities will be limited in their documentation, and reserved for the latter parts of this guide, after the energy of the practitioner has been strengthened enough to develop such abilities easily, with little risk to the adherent.

This article series is the culmination of 5 years of practice of these methods, study of them, research, trial and error, and experimentation in the 'Online Energy Community' (O.E.C.). I have encountered many, large and small, wizened and foolish, and have learned from all of it; this series can be considered my 'magnum opus', my own masterpiece, given back to the community as a whole, to hopefully help those just starting on the Path, and those who have been traveling it longer than I. A lot of the information here was provided by someone who shall go unnamed by his own request; I simply refer to him as an old friend.

FAQ

Question: "Where/when should I practice these exercises?"

Answer: "It would be best to practice them outdoors, preferably under some trees, near a stream, creek or brook, in the grass. A lot of internal "heat" can be generated by these exercises, especially the microcosmic orbit, so doing them in direct sunlight may be discomforting. The absolute best times to practice qigong are as follows: In the morning, during dawn, when dew is still fresh on the grass; High noon, when the sun is overhead, to develop yang qi; Dusk, as the sun sets; and Midnight, when the moon is overhead, to develop yin qi."

Q: "What should I feel like after the exercises? What are signs to look for telling me I am making a mistake?"

A: "After the exercises, you should feel lighthearted, happy, relaxed, energized, a warm or tingly sensation internally, and generally be in better spirits. Signs of improper practice would be: pain, difficulty breathing, lightheadedness, nausea, cramps, intense internal heat (especially around the lower dantian center), or any discomfort at all. As with any exercise, if you really feel it is necessary, check with a physician beforehand; women, especially, should not practice ANY of these exercises while pregnant or menstrating."

Q: "How long would it take a person to start seeing positive effects from Qigong training?"

A: "Right away! Seriously, these exercises have existed for millenia for good reason, and millions of people doing them around the globe cannot be a simple trend. However, basic control over qi can be gained in as little as 6 months, assuming you practice daily,

for a half hour a day."

Q: "Should I do Qigong or Tai Chi if I take medication?"

A: "I took medication myself for bi-polar disorder when I was younger. These medications caused me to literally gain 60 pounds, left me drained and depressed, and did way more harm than good. I am of the opinion that quitting these medications and taking up these practices was one of the best things I ever did; I lost all the weight I put on, and I personally believe my brain was literally rewired by the training. However, like I said above, consult a doctor before making any serious changes like this to your lifestyle; it is not necessary to quit taking any medication to take up Qigong, however in my experience certain psychotropic medications greatly restrict the flow of qi. Your mileage may vary."

Q: "Will doing these exercises make me able to throw fireballs, do beam attacks, fly, etc."

A: "No. So called "radical ki" has been crusaded against by myself and many others over the last five years, and such practices have been proven to be blatantly false; recently, Donjitsu actually fought someone who claimed to be a direct student of MysteryShadow (the originator of RadKi). Donjitsu beat the crap out of this kid, and the person actually tried "ki blasting" Josh, to absolutely no effect. Simply put, go play Street Fighter if you want to do things like that, they have no basis in reality- the lin kong jing ("powerful empty force") ability, which will be detailed in the second article in this series, offers a much more toned down and realistic view on such practices, however. If you actually believe humans can fly, I implore you by all means to go jump off that 12 story building and report to me your results. ;)"

Q: "Someone told me that being angry while doing Qigong greatly enhances the effects you can achieve. Is this true?"

A: "All anger does is stimulate the adrenal system, and get you wired up. Qi only flows smoothly when you are relaxed and calm, and tensing muscles greatly restricts the flow of Qi."

Q: "While practicing ba duan jin for the first time, I noticed numbness, heavyness, sometimes pain in the hands and legs. Is this normal or a sign of something being done wrong?"

A: "This can be normal, and is a result of the powerful exercises inducting qi into the body and moving it around. Even if you aren't consciously focusing on moving qi, it still moves regardless. The pain in the legs can be a result of weak muscles or not being used to the exercises. Continue practicing them, after about 2 weeks these symptoms should disappear."

Q: "Why don't you have a "ki ball" exercise? Are "ki balls" real?"

A: "The ki/psiball is a basic psionic technique to learn how to gain control over energy. In my opinion, and the opinion of many others, this is somewhat of a placebo effect. What you are seeing/feeling isn't really a detached ball in the center of the hands, anime style. Rather, it is a magnification of the human aura around the hands because of the focus there, and when the aura from each hand overlaps itself, it produces a visual "ball" effect. However, in tai chi, there is something similar called a qi pearl, which is a natural byproduct of the form, and rather unrelated, although similar. Basically, I feel that including a ki ball exercise would be redundant, as it puts too much emphasis on one aspect of practice, and detracts from more useful exercises. As 'an old friend' once aptly put it: "100 days of doing the microcosmic orbit is exponentially more beneficial than making 10,000 'ki balls'"."

Q: "I heard that something called jing is more powerful than qi. Is this true?"

A: "Yes and no. Yes, in the context of the martial art taijiquan, with all its myriad applications of jing, where "jing" is defined as a combination of qi, willpower, and body mechanics, similar to Bruce Lee's "explosive power". No, in the sense of making jing balls, doing jing blasts, etc; Nor is jing simply compressed qi. This will be elaborated on later."

Q: "Is Qi visible? How do you open the Third Eye?"

A: "Yes and no. Qi, traditionally, has been described as being invisible, and yes, qi itself is. However, all living matter produces a bioelectric field usually referred to as an aura. This can be seen by most qigong adepts, however it is not qi itself but a manifestation of the qi flow in the organism. The stronger the flow, the brighter, more clear, and larger the aura. The Third Eye is the ajna chakra, located in the center of the brow. This chakra is always open; if chakras weren't open, you'd be dead. Chakras do not have an on/off switch, there exists no technique to instantly allow you to see auras clearly; rather, the chakra must be stimulated and the practitioner must learn how to use it correctly before auras can be seen."

Q: "Who is that in all the pictures!?!?"

A: "That's me, the author, Koujiryuu. Laugh all you want, as long as I don't hear it :)"

Q: "What do you use to make images? What about site design?"

A: "For images, I use a combination of the GIMP 1.2 (windows version, w00t for open source) and Lexmark 5500 Series Photo Editor, which came with my printer, and is a nice little prog for simple resizing and editing. For site design I use Dreamweaver and/or Notepad."

Q: "Why are mostly all the pictures black and white?"

A: "I'm wearing all white in generally dark surroundings. The black and white improves the contrast significantly, ensuring that proper body posture can be easily seen. Oftentimes, martial art books take photos like this for that reason; to say that I'm attempting to emulate a printed source similarly would be correct."

The basic theory, and the ultimate goal

The basic theory surrounding energies in this qigong is as follows, written by an old friend.

...."Qi: I have decided to start my discourse on the topic of Qi. Qi, a concept originally formulated by the Daoists, makes everything in the universe, well, tick. It spins the galaxies, energizes the creatures of the universe, and makes plants grow. It is the very essence of life itself. To have NeiQi is to have life itself."

"How does one get their NeiQi, originally? There are many theories. Most think the Original Qi is received while still in the womb as a fetus. While theoretically not known how, it is thought that fetuses have an amazing ability to act as a cosmic battery, absorbing the very Qi of the universe into itself. Naturally, the Mother provides quite a bit herself."

"NeiQi runs along the human body in a series of meridians. There are twelve medical meridians, largely considered a Confucian, perhaps acupuncturist concept. Then there are the Eight special or Psychic meridians. They are mostly a Daoist concept. Of course, these two systems of lines cross with each other, borrow from each other, etc. [editor's note: Discussed in depth later.]"

"NeiQi is stored in the Dantien. Now there are three Dantien, Original Qi resides in the lower Dantian, post-birth NeiQi (qi gathered through water, qigong, and food) resides in the middle Dantian."

"Your level and amount of neiQi determines your general health. You accumulate neiQi through exercise, eating, sleep, herbs, etc. One method of exercise geared for neiQi cultivation is something known as Qigong, here in the west. There are many qigong forms, types, and lineages. Taiji has qigong properties, for instance. However, there is a raging debate going on for exactly what qigong is. What Chinese critics say is mostly true, many forms and exercises brought from China to here are immediately called qigong, when in fact they have about as many qigong-like properties as Richard Simmons' "sweat you butt off to the oldies", for example. One should always check before you call something qigong, for it is fast becoming dangerous waters."....

...."Jing: NeiQi is free-flowing and nice. It's good for health, meditation, etc. However, when put to use for martial applications, it falls short. However, neiQi can be converted into neiJing, for the sharp demands of the Nei-jia. (Internal Martial Arts) NeiJing will hence forth be called jing. Jing is at a higher frequency than qi- it's a lot more powerful.

In the words of Waysun Liao, "Your opponent can feel your jing, but not your qi. You can feel your qi, but not your jing."

...."But I digress. Neiqi leads jing, it controls it. Once you can learn how to convert neiqi into jing, [discussed later] you can use it effectively against an opponent. Jing is far beyond the reaches of normal time and space. It's a power called down from the universe itself for use by human beings. Jing's only limit is your own yi. I'll get to that pretty soon."

"I think it was quite wise when a famous Ba-gua master compared jing to a Dragon. If you treat the dragon right, you can unleash it on your opponent, and the dragon will lend you his strength. Treat the dragon wrong, and it'll take a bite out of you. This illustrates the point that jing is not something to be played with, it's a real weapon, and should be treated as you would a knife or even a handgun. However, be careful with it, and it'll be your most powerful weapon."

Furthermore, there are many synonyms for qi that you will encounter, from many different languages and traditions. Almost every human culture has had a word describing an all-pervading, universal life force. Some of them are: Ki, Prana (sanskrit), Orgone, rLung (tibetan), orenda (Native American, Iroquois), energy, life force, magickal current, ruach (hebrew), the Light, Holy Spirit (christian), spiritus (roman), Pnuema (Greek) and psi.

The ultimate goal of this art and this guide is to develop a universal link with energy, and a feeling of strength in body, mind and spirit. The practitioner, through the presented exercises, goes from being just a person controlled by forces to a person in tune with and above these forces- at peace with his environment, where ever he happens to be.

Exercise 1: The basic standing fundamentals and pumping qi

This is an exercise to allow you to feel your qi for the first time. It can be done further on as an exercise to energize oneself quickly. This exercise will also start to develop the state of mind in which qi is to be cultivated...

Stand up with your feet shoulder-width apart. Now, bend at the knees a little bit as if you were sitting on top of a ball supporting your hamstrings and resting on the backs of your calves. Keep the back upright and straight. Stand mostly on the outer edge of your feet, so the instep is slightly raised off of the ground. Having your feet in such a manner promotes upward flow of Qi easily and freely. Push your tongue against the upper palate. Make sure the anus is squeezed shut- while uncomfortable at first, it quickly becomes natural. This further supports the qi flow and will make the microcosmic orbit easier later on.

Holding your hands at your sides, keep them relaxed and loose, and swing them

forward and backward. Focus on the Dantian, a spot 3 inches below the naval and one inch in. Repeat swinging the arms back and forth, and stop after about 50 repetitions. Look at your hands- you will note them feeling warm, and possibly find your body tingly and energized. Your hands may also appear to be red with patchy white spots. This is a normal reaction of any energy work. Remember this feeling! You will soon learn to be in control of it.

Buddhist breathing

Right now, you want to train your qi to follow the mind. However, one of the translations of "qi" is breath. Therefore, it could be said that qi following breath is a mechanism developed to draw in and promote qi flow. This way of breathing is a way of training the mind to be more in tune with the body and it's surroundings, and to allow qi to flow through the body fully.

Buddhist breathing draws qi down into the dantian. It is done as follows: As you breathe in deeply for 5 seconds, push your stomach out at the end of the inhalation. Hold for a second or two. On exhalation, simply exhale for about 5 seconds. Breathing should be clear and slow, with no noise heard in the nostrils.

Breathing should always be smooth, consistent, and natural. No hissing or noise should be heard; the breath should be totally silent.

This meditation should always be the one you do before any of the more advanced meditations. It helps to figuratively "warm up the body" to the energy flow.

Exercise 2: Dantian meditation and meditation fundamentals

A time ago, I remember someone saying:

"100 days straight of dantian meditation is said to increase the qi flow considerably."

The Dantian spot, as talked about above, holds great significance. Sometimes called "cinnabar fields" or "elixir fields", these are areas on the body that correspond with the 2nd, 4th, and 6th chakras. The meditation is simple:

Seiza Position (Japanese traditional sit)

Relax, sitting down either cross-legged, in seiza, or maybe the lotus position. Seiza is the Japanese traditional sit, and is done by placing the calves underneath the body and sitting on the shins, while resting the buttocks on the calves. Squeeze the anus shut, to

straighten the back as in the exercise above. Fix your attention on the lowest dantian- see it, feel it, be it. Extend your awareness from the dantian beyond to your legs, and using intention (yi), call qi up from below you into that area. Soon you shall feel immersed in qi, as the flow throughout your body strengthens. The fine hairs on the arms and neck might stand on end, the hands and feet may warm up or chill, and you will feel rooted in the ground, much like a tree.

That new term: yi!

Yi, or I (pronounced "ee" either way), is a concept that is rather hard to translate into English, in the same way that Qi or Jing is. It's a unique concept, and has no English equivalent word. Yi is often explained as being intention or willpower; it is much more than that. Yi is an equal combination of willpower, intention, focus, concentration, physical movement, and doubtlessness. That is the complex part of Yi- you must do all of these things at once for the best effect!

Willpower is strength of mind and determination. Intention is determination to do a specific act in a specific manner. Focus is putting your attention on a certain thing. Concentration is a closed or fixed attention. Physical movement, though not always needed, is moving in a prescribed manner that supports the qi flow. Doubtlessness is having total confidence that what you want to happen will happen. All these things together make up Yi. At an intermediate level, Yi becomes unconscious, to the point that you simply have internal control over your energy- it becomes as easy as lifting your arm or turning your head. At an even more advanced level, Yi is refined to the point that the energy just moves without you noticing it. At the level of a master, there is no Yi! Whatever happens, happens beyond conscious thought. This is referred to as wuwei (non-doing, Chinese), or mushin (No-mind, Japanese).

Yi exists in many more expressions than we realize. It can be much more than just the combination of the above ideas; the above ideas can be elaborated on and refined. They are simply the base ideas to facilitate development and control of internal energetic power.

One such expression that is oft-overlooked is the power of prayer. Most practicing Muslims turn towards the holy city of Mecca and pray at scheduled times five times a day. That is an enormous amount of focus and concentration! Prayer can often times be more specific and broad compared to qigong, as well- you really can't ask qi to protect you, give you good luck, or help you find love- but you can ask your personal deity, God, or higher force to.

Note that Yi, most simply, means "intention"- that does not include visualization! You can visualize all you want, and most of the time it simply ends up getting in the way. By focusing during meditation and energy work sessions, an individual learns how to focus qi to an area of their body simply by focusing on it; the energy isn't felt coming through the body, it seemingly appears there. When you are this rooted and in line with the qi

around you, it becomes a simple task to move qi.

Exercise 3: Bringing the Qi to the hands: Ki-cho-jaki

This technique comes from Jung Oh Lee, a Korean Kuk Sool Won master. 'Ki' in this context refers to the definition for qi presented up above.

..."Lee explains that some indications of correct nei gong (internal work) are sensory feelings, often experienced during meditation. They include sensations of internal heat, warmth moving down the legs, or an itching feeling that makes the fine hairs on arms and legs stand on end."

"As the ki flows smoothly, the body becomes warm. As the ki flows out into the hands, the hands get warm. Relaxation is a must, since any tenseness in the shoulders, arms, or wrists prevents ki from flowing into the hands. All types of ki training should be pleasant experiences, done without forcing oneself. It is a discipline, but a pleasant one.

..."Ki-cho-jaki are standing exercises that have kuk sool stylists spreading and contracting the fingers, while they inhale and exhale with deep abdominal breathing. First they draw in a lung full of air. Then they ki-ap letting out about a third of the inhaled air. The rest of the air is held for seven seconds, then released. It takes approximately seven seconds for ki to make a complete orbit through the body."

"Fingers spread apart, starting with the yelled ki-ap, and do not relax until releasing the balance of the air. The theory is that opening the fingers connects all 687 pressure points on the body. Not only does ki-cho-jaki help strengthen the ki, it also physically strengthens the fingers [editor's note: as for Eagle Claw kung fu]. Ki-cho-jaki is done for 5 minutes a day." -Blackbelt Magazine back issue

Starting Position

Inhale Deeply!

Exhale a third of the air, kiai, open the fingers up widely, and exhale the remaining air.

Kataphaticism and Apophaticism

Kataphaticism and Apophaticism are two different paradigms or philosophical divisions within Qigong that have existed for millennia, and still exist now. I feel it is useful to understand the differences between each in order to understand your own motives for

practice. With that said, here's some elaboration:

"As far as I've noticed and observed, this community now consists of basically two types of practitioners, people who indulge in Kataphatic (filling) and Apophatic (emptying, circulating, refining) practices. This same split exists in Daoism, between the Blackhats (apophatic) and the Redhats. (kataphatic) Let's go into this a little deeper, shall we?
History

Apophaticism is the tradition I subscribe to, it is somewhat rare in this community. Since the very beginnings of Huangdi and his Neijing Suwen, the practices of qi cultivation outwardly appeared to have no distinctions between Kataphatics and Apophatics- this was because no large role was played in manipulating qi just yet. But as we get to the Three Kingdoms Period, and the especially in the much later Qing Dynasty, we do see two forces at work. However, I would place the very origins of this way back to the Qin Dynasty, and the Court Magicians, or Fangshi."

"Fangshi has also been translated as "Perscription Masters", and they were lots of them in the Qin Dynasty, mainly because the emperor at the time, Qinshi Huangdi, (no relation to the writer of the Neijing Suwen) was very concerned with the attainment of Immortality. So he gathered lots of these Fangshi together to divine the secrets of Immortality."

"Fangshi magicians go back to the very beginnings of Chinese society with the Shaman folk beliefs. These Shaman had great powers and organized ritual, that often verged on the a romantic relationship between Shaman/Shamaness and Spirit. Consider this old Shamanic song from the Daoist Canon, or Daozang:"

"Shamaness: You hesitate and do not come to me,
what is it that keeps you from leaving you island?
Lord of The River: I am attractive and beautiful,
I come to you in my cinnamon bark canoe.
I glide softly on the waters without a ripple.
For I have asked the spirits of the water to be still.
S: I long for you and yet you do not come.
Sadly I play my flute.
Whom do I think of but you?
L: I fly north on my dragon,
Then I turn toward Dungting lake.
My boat is decorated with care:
The hull is lined with sweet clover,
The sails are made of fig leaves;
The oars are made of iris stems;
And I have orchids for my banners.
Gazing at the sea strand in the distance,
I step across the great river and show my magical powers.

S: You show your power but you do not come.
My attendants are crying for my sake.
Tears run freely down my cheeks,
And I am sick with longing for you."

"By the late Shang/Early Zhou dynasties we see the dissolution of the Shaman, and the rise of the Fangshi, who knows the secrets of Immortality and is the precursor for the Daoists. However, they are not Daoists, because they lack any concept of Dao and emptiness, and instead seek to fill, as opposed to Daoists, who seek to empty. They are by their nature Kataphatic."

"With the revelations of Laozi's philosophy, however, we see the rebirth of the magician as the Blackhat Daoist, who does only good with his sorcery and his ultimate goal is emptiness and stillness, and to unite all with Dao. The Kataphatic sorcerer continues to exist in the form of the Redhats, who are less organized, and sometimes are even evil in the uses (or abuses) of their powers, and only seek to cure and fill, lacking the crucial concept of Dao. However, both Redhat and Blackhat possess great powers, the only difference being in the ways they use it. Blackhats are by nature Apophatic."

"As Daoism as a whole, and Daoist Qi practices grow, Daoist Qigong and the Neijia are dominated by Apophatic principles, rarely ever straying to Kataphatic cultivation, since this form has been known to shorten, rather than prolong human life because of the great lengths gone to "Pull in" energy."

"Apophaticism and Kataphaticism in the Present Community

Both of these traditions of Qi cultivation are present in this community as of now. In fact, one of the main sites to set off this revolution, Mystery's, (editor: The Official Martial Art Ki Site run by one MysteryShadow in past days) is blatantly Kataphatic in its practices. As such, Kataphatics are the majority here, more Apophatic folks such as myself being in the minority. Let's list some of the major differences:"

Apophaticism

Practices:

Apophatic Qigong

Qi Circulation

Neidan

Effects:

Health

Balance

Mental Peace

Longevity

Kataphaticism

Practices:

Ki Balls

Drawing Ki

KaioKen

General Filling Practices

Effects:

Power

Health (short-lived)

Possible Loss of Longevity

Possible Mental Imbalances"

These two traditions exist to an extent nowadays in the O.E.C. when you look at certain sites which emphasize "psionics" with a focus on power. Not naming any names, anyone who frequents these communities likely realizes that Kataphaticism is very present among some of them.

Alright, now we've done some basic exercises to show you how to meditate, and how to extend qi out to the hands. Sadly, though, not much can be done with the qi after this point, so now we've have to set to work lowering the qi, through 2 different exercises.

Exercise 4: Yoseido: 8 Curious Meridian Stretching Exercises

These are a set of Japanese exercises developed to strengthen, tonify, and warm up the 8 meridians. Consider this: When playing a sport, what is the first thing you are taught to do? Stretch. Why should qigong be any different? For this exercise, you'll need to learn and memorize this meridian chart.

Here's a description for the chart.

The Eight Meridians (mei means channel)

Dumei: Beginning at the perineum and rising up the back along the center line of the body, this channel rises over the scalp and down the forehead and ends at the upper palate of the mouth. English reference: governor channel.

Renmei: From the tip of the tongue, this channel descends along the center line of the front of the body to the back of the perineum. English reference: conception channel.

Chongmei: This channel rises vertically from the perineum to the top of the head connecting the three dantians. English reference: through-going channel.

Daimei: This meridian encircles the waist like a belt. English reference: belt channel.

Yangyumei: From a point on the dumei these channels travel bilaterally along the back of each arm, around the tip of the middle fingers, along the inside of the middle fingers to the point laogong. English reference: Outer-arm channel.

Yinyumei: From the laogong point of the palm, these meridians travel along the inside of each arm, curve across the pectoral muscles, descend through the nipples, and connect with the renmei. English reference: Inner-arm channel

Yangqiaomei: These meridians begin at the perineum and emerge onto the front of each leg. They descend the front of a leg to the point known as yongquan. English reference: Outer-leg channel

Yinqiaomei: From the soles of the feet, these two meridians rise up the inside surface of each foot, loop around the ankles, and ascend the inner thighs back to the perineum. English reference: Inner-leg channel.

Junction points

Niyuan: This point is on the top of the head in the very middle. It is the upper junction point for the chongmei with the dumei.

Laogong: This point is on each palm, where your middle finger touches your palm. This is where qi is emitted or drawn in.

Shenque: This point is the navel and is the junction for the renmei and daimei.

Yongquan: This point is on the sole of each foot. It is along a line between the middle toe and the heel, and is about two-thirds of the way forward from the heel. In martial arts, qi can be emitted in kicks out of these points.

Now then, here are the actual stretches. Not only do they work on the meridians, but on

the muscles as well. Mastery of these stretches will lead to great flexibility.

Dumei: Lying on your back, take hold of the soles of your feet, and gently rock on your back, letting your spine roll against the floor. It is important to keep your neck soft and long, and not let your chin stick out. All the effort comes from the lower abdomen. The movement can start from the coccyx and go up to the first dorsals, avoiding the cervicals of the neck because they are much more delicate. Breathe normally during this exercise.

Renmei: Lie on your stomach and take hold of your feet, rolling forwards and backwards gently on your stomach, rocking along the centre, and breathing normally. If you can't reach your feet with your hands, then imagine you are holding them.

Chongmei: Sitting, place one foot on the thigh of the other leg, and stretch forward to hold the other, extended foot with both hands. With an inhalation, and the back held straight, draw your body closer to the extended foot. Repeat this exercise five or six times on both legs.

Daimei: Sit with your legs wide, and place one hand on your hip and the other fairly high along your rib cage. With an inhalation, lean towards the side where you are holding the hip. Repeat the exercise five or six times on each side, and then hold your hands on both hips and make circles with your body from the base of your spine, thirty times in each direction.

Yangyumei: Open your legs as wide as you can. Place your hands on the floor in front of you. Slide your hands slowly forward and with a straight back, let your body go forward. Inhale as you go towards the floor. You should stop when you feel it interferes with your breathing.

Yinyumei: Sitting, fold your right foot onto the top of the left thigh, holding the foot in place with your right hand stretched across your back. Reach forward, keeping the spine straight, and with your left hand take hold of your left foot with your thumb and fingers. If you cannot reach your right foot with your right hand behind the back, it's okay. As you can see from the picture, I couldn't either ^_^ - however, if you keep up the exercises frequently you should be able to hold it eventually. Until you can, simply reach as far as possible.

Yangqiaomei: Hold the big toe with the thumb and first fingers of the corresponding hand. Lift one leg and stretch it towards the outside, and follow it with your eyes, keeping the other leg firmly on the ground. Inhale as you lengthen your leg and exhale as you return your leg to the center. Then repeat with the other leg.

Yinqiaomei: Sit in the Seiza position, as shown, with one leg bent back and close to your body, along the thigh. Take hold of the other foot with both hands and lift it up, keeping the leg straight. Inhale as you draw it towards your chest. Repeat five or six times and then do the same with the other leg.

These 8 stretches should ideally be done before any qigong practice.

Exercise 5: Baduanjin (reeling silk stretching) postures

Baduanjin are a series of zhan zhuang (literally, 'standing on stake', as these exercises used to be done while standing atop plumflower posts) exercises known for the ability to sink the qi into the dantian for more practical use as a form of energy known as neijing, henceforth referred to as jing. Baduanjin exercises are very potent, and are an Ancient practice of the shaolin and wudang monks, dating from about 900 a.d.

Wu qi

Start by doing the standing exercises for five minutes a day. After three weeks, increase this to ten minutes, three weeks later, increase to 15 minutes and 20 minutes after a further three weeks. Stand with your feet a shoulder width apart, toes pointing forward, either parallel, or turned slightly outward; unlock your knees. Let your hands hang loosely by your sides and drop your shoulders. Imagine that, like a puppet, your whole body is hanging, suspended from your head. A string holds your head from a point at the top of your skull, directly in line with the tips of your ears. Feel yourself sinking down, relaxing, as you hang from the string. Breathe calmly and naturally through the nose. Stand quietly, allowing your whole system to calm down, for up to five minutes. As you do this, mentally follow through the points on the illustration, starting at the top of your head. Your eyes look forward and slightly downward; drop your chin so that your throat is not pushed forward. Release any tension in your neck. Relax your hips and belly. Let the bottom of your spine unfold downward so that neither your belly nor your bottom is sticking out. The dantien lies 3-6 inches below your navel, one third of the way into your body. It is in line with the suspension point at the top of your head. From below

your kneecaps, your roots extend downward. From your knees upward you rise like a tree, resting calmly between the earth and the sky. Your weight is evenly distributed between your left and right feet. These roots sink deep into the earth. The weight of your body rests in the middle of the soles of your feet. Return to these points again and again until you are able to assume the Wu Qi position naturally and perfectly.

a. Supporting the sky with both hands

Begin in the Wu Qi or Starting Position.

Breathing in through the nostrils, slowly raise your hands above your head, as if you are pushing upwards at the very borders of the sky. The movement of the arms should be circular in nature. Pause when your hands are above your head, holding the breath for 1 second, before exhaling out of the mouth and returning the hands to the starting position.

After you have trained for some time, you can try this: As you begin to press upward with your hands, slowly rise up on your toes so that you complete the full extension of your arms and legs at the same time. Repeat for a total of 9 times.

b. Drawing a bow to each side

This exercise has been variously referred to as 'shooting an eagle' or 'shaolin archer'.

Holding the Balloon (front)

Holding the Balloon (side)

From the Wu qi position bend the elbows and lift the arms up so the palms face your chest, as you inhale through the nostrils. Visualise yourself holding a balloon in front of your chest (Holding the Balloon). Turn the left palm out to the left with fingers pointing up. Turn your head left too, as you exhale. Imagine the left arm is pushing against a wooden part of an archer's bow. Imagine the right fingers are curled around the bows string. As you breath out pull the imaginary string to the right and push out with the left palm to the left. Breathe in and bring the palm back in front of the chest. Repeat the exercise to the right. Repeat for each side 9 times.

Regardless of the images provided, this remains a difficult exercise to do the motion for properly. To make things more clear, here is a video clip of KakudoTora from

pathoftheancient.net, my former student, performing this exercise.

c. Splitting heaven and earth

This exercise is easy, although very potent. Start in the wu qi position.

On inhale (once again, through the nose, using the buddhist breathing method), bring the hands up to the holding the balloon position. As you exhale out of the mouth, push upwards with the right hand, towards the sky, while simultaneously pushing downwards, towards the earth, with the left hand. Both arms should reach a full extension concurrently.

On inhale, do the same as above, except switch the arms that are pushing, so the left hand rises to the sky while the right hand pushes downwards towards the earth. Repeat 9 times for each side.

After one year, you may add this: After you extend your palms fully, leave your hands in that position, breathe out, and imagine you're using 20% of your power to press apart two huge blocks of stone. As you do so, twist slightly to the side with your hand facing down, and breathe out. Keeping your hands extended, relax and breathe in. Then, on the next breathe out imagine you are using 40% of your power, and twist a little more. continue the exercise increasing your twist each time and using 20, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 percent of your power each time you breathe out, increasing your twist each time until you are turned fully to the side. After that, slowly unwind as you breathe in. Change sides and repeat.

d. Monk Gazes at the Moon

Also called 'looking back like a cow'. Do NOT perform this exercise while pregnant.

From the wu qi position breathe in and raise your hands to chest level, palms facing you. Turn your entire upper body from your hips, to the left. Breathe out as you move, and turn your palms outward as if pushing a large beach ball away from you. Turn as far as your hips will allow comfortably, and finish breathing out. Pause for one second. Make sure your hands are still opposite the front of your chest and not skewed sideways by excessive twisting of your upper back and shoulders. Turn back toward the front as you breathe in. As you move, turn your hands back inward to their original position, embracing the invisible balloon between your arms and chest. Relax and stay in this position, pause for one second as you finish breathing in. Turn to the right, performing the same twist. Repeat 9 times for each side.

e. Lowering the head and hips

As you inhale, bend sideways at the hips to the right while raising the left hand overhead, until the palm is parallel to the sky. Let the right hand hang loosely at your side. Exhale, and return to the neutral position. Repeat the same motion for the other side of the body. Repeat for a total of 9 times.

f. Touch the feet with both hands

As you inhale, breathe in and raise your arms to your sides, palms facing down, parallel to the ground. Breathe out, and move your hands out in front of your head, at the same level, and crouch down and touch your feet. Hold this for 3 seconds, before returning to the starting position. Repeat 9 times.

g. Clenching the fists

This exercise should be VERY familiar to anyone who has ever studied the art of Karate. It is basically alternate punching from a very narrow horse stance.

Start in wu qi. As you inhale, chamber your fists upside down at your sides. Exhale, and **slowly** punch outwards with the right hand. Inhale again, returning the arm to the chambered position, and then proceed to exhale while punching with the left hand. Repeat 9 times, each side.

h. Shaking the body

Starting in the Wu qi position, lower yourself slightly by bending your knees. Rest the backs of your hands on the flesh just above your hip bones on either side of your lower back. Shake your whole body by bouncing gently up and down from your knees. Your feet stay flat on the ground. Make sure your shoulders and elbows are completely relaxed so that their weight rests on the backs of your hands. You will feel your hands pleasantly massaging your lower back. On each bounce, breathe out through your nose in little bursts, until you have exhaled completely. Keep bouncing as you inhale smoothly. Repeat for 9 breaths.

The meaning of 9

In many eastern esoteric practices, you often see exercises being done in repetitions of 9, or a multiple thereof (27 usually). A lot of people are probably wondering why.

In eastern thought, the number 9 holds a special significance. The character 'ten', while representing the numeral '10', is also the same character for 'heaven'. 9, therefore, is seen as being the 'last step before heaven'. It is also the last single digit numeral. Make of this what you will.

Exercise 6: Pushing Water training

Pushing water was originally a taijiquan (tai c'hi c'huan) exercise for developing explosive power, or jing. The basic movement is as follows:

Start in a 'wu qi' position. Breathe in through the nose while bending at the knees and raising the arms up, palms facing the ground, until they are parallel to the ground. Exhale, and as you do, rise up and lower the arms until you return to the starting position. While you do this, the qi should be brought out to the hands from the lower dantian consciously, by focusing the yi on the center of the palms. Repeat 27 times.

For the next part, you will need two small buckets with handles. Fill them both up almost all the way with water. Now, do the exercise above, holding on to the buckets loosely, with the goal being to not spill any of the water. Quite difficult, isn't it?

After doing the exercise this way for 3 weeks, move up from water to sand. After 6 weeks with sand, move up to small pebbles.

As you can see, this exercise makes use of lifting weight to strengthen the qi flow, and almost all of the body's muscles.

These exercises are a means of producing more usable internal power to be compounded into you through the Lower Dantian.

At this point...

At this point, from the prior training, one should be able to feel the qi flow in the dantian by merely focusing on it. It should not be difficult to move qi around the body at will, either. If you are having trouble doing either of these, please refrain from continuing until you can- stick with the prior exercises for the time being.

Daoist breathing

If buddhist breathing is the yang of breathing techniques, daoist breathing would be the yin. While buddhist style breathing is good for drawing in qi and stimulating the lower dantian, it falls short when one wants to apply the energy. This is remedied through daoist breathing, which is the reverse of buddhist breathing.

Breathe in through the nose, while *sucking in* the stomach/diaphragm, and exhale through the open mouth while pushing the stomach back out. This helps to draw qi out of the dantian, and this style of breathing should be used when doing any kind of qi manipulation. Simple as that.

Exercise 7: Xing Zhoudien sitting meditation

Now we move from training the body and mind to refining the spirit.

a. The Exercise

'Xing zhoudien' translates to 'microcosmic orbit'. This is a very powerful, very ancient meditative exercise that is very powerful and beneficial to the practitioner. Essentially, inside our bodies exists the universe on a small scale (the microcosm). By rotating this universe through energy work, the system as a whole is strengthened. In the author's opinion, if you don't know this exercise and practice it regularly, you don't know qigong. This exercise also clears out and balances the system immensely, as Dumei and Renmei govern yin and yang respectively. When these two meridians are healthy, the rest are as well as a result.

From "Scholar Warrior: An Introduction to the Tao in everyday life" by Deng Dao-Meng...courtesy of an old "friend"...

The Microcosmic orbit is both subtle and grand, overt and yet covert, practical, yet incredibly esoteric. As in most Daoist related things, it is a union of paradoxes ;) Anyway, on a coarse level, it is an exercise to promote health and longevity, as well as refine one's level of qi manipulation. If practiced for 100 days, or so the Daoists say, the foundation for Longevity and Immortality are set, and manipulation of qi has increased substantially. It also acts as an excellent prep for meditation, as well as being a meditation in of itself. The exercise itself is deceptively simple. It is, basically, passing qi up and the du and down the ren channels, which are considered to be fairly important meridians, as they govern yang and yin respectively. When both these meridians are functioning and healthy, all the others are healthy as a result. The basic practice is this:

1. Get into whatever sitting or standing position you find comfortable, you can sit in seiza or in a full or half lotus, or just do it standing up.
2. Close and lift the anus. This will be awkward and uncomfortable at first, but after a

while it'll become second nature.

3. Focus the eyes on the tip of the nose, then fully or partially close your eyelids.
4. Put your hands in a mudra you find comfortable. Some of my favorites are the fists, balled up and sitting on the knees, or making one hand into a fist and resting it in the palm of the other.
5. If possible, elevate your buttocks (if you are sitting) to encourage a straight spine. That won't be requisite if you are in seiza.
6. Relax for a moment, begin to focus on your breathing. Note- the breathing for the microcosmic orbit will be reversed breathing, also called Daoist breathing. That is, as you breathe in you will also pull in your stomach, as you let out air you will allow your stomach to go back. This is done to encourage the qi to flow out of the dantian.
7. Breath in, visualizing the qi rising up the du channel. (du channel runs from the perenium, up the spine, over the head and ends on the upper palate)
8. As you finish breathing in, the qi should be at the "Hundreds' meeting place" or the top of the skull, exactly in the middle.
9. Begin exhaling, and let the qi fall down the remainder of the du channel. As the qi comes to the upper palate, take your tongue and pass the qi from your upper palate to the bottom of your mouth, where the qi enters the ren channel. (the ren channel runs from the bottom of your mouth, to right back at the perineum)
10. Keep exhaling until the qi arrives at the perineum, where it began.
11. Repeat four times further. (when you think you are ready, you can increase the number, to about a maximum of ten or so.)
12. When done, be sure to stretch out and limber up. Before you get up, swallow the saliva that accumulated during meditation, visualizing it as a gold liquid falling into the sea of the dantian. Daoists call this Jade Nectar, and they believe to be very beneficial, like a piece of gold left over from an alchemical firing process.

b. The Great Work

From the ancient Daoist text, 'The Secret of the Golden Flower':

"There is a true secret about starting practice. The operation is different for men and women; men begin practice with the attention in the lower abdomen, just below the navel. Women start work with the attention between the breasts. After midnight and before noon, settle the breathing and sit. Tune the breath so that it is even. Sit with unified attention on the object of meditation. With pure attention in the center, a unified

energy flows, thus pressing tightly on the midspine, and going on through the brain. At this time the positive energy goes all the way to heaven in the form of a fiercely blazing fire, like a flaming wind. Then the Spirit must be allowed to dive down into the abdomen (solar plexus). The energy then unites with Spirit, and Spirit unites with the energy. The work of the circulation of the Light depends entirely on the backward flowing movement, so that the thoughts are gathered together in the place of the heavenly heart. If you can be absolutely quiet then the heavenly heart will spontaneously manifest itself (between the eyes). The Light is easy to move, but difficult to fix. If it is made to circulate long enough, then it crystallizes itself; this natural Spirit-body is formed beyond the nine heavens. If you work diligently, when that one point of energy returns of itself and sinks into the body, it turns into year-round spring. This is the method of starting the Work. In time, the primal Spirit transforms itself in the dwelling of life into the true energy. At that time, the method of turning the millwheel must be applied, in order to distill it so that it becomes the Elixir of Life. The Elixir is created through melting and mixing; that is, through moving the Light to dissolve the anima, and fixing the Light to complete the animus. This is the method of the concentrated Work. When the Life Elixir Pearl is finished, the embryo (Light-Spirit) can be formed; then the Work must be directed to the warming and nourishing of the spiritual embryo. This is the method of finishing the Work. When the energy-body of the child is fully formed, the Work must be so directed that the embryo is born and returns to emptiness. You must perceive that there is a form within nothingness, you must see the original human being in person. This is the method of ending the Work. To refine oneself thoroughly and have autonomy, one must take the positive energy of heaven and earth day after day, and concentrate to clear the mind, before the effects of the practice will be experienced. It may take several months; the length of time depends only on the depth of one's Work. Once the elixir is crystallized, the vitality, energy, and spirit in the body become completely stabilized. It is possible to extend life in this way, but this is not yet immortality."

"Every morning before sunrise still your mind and sit quietly, waiting for the sun in a state of empty openness. All at once you will forget about the universe and break through space. Then a point of positive energy, like a drop of dew, like lightning, will spontaneously appear in the great void and enter your belly, passing into the spine and rising up to the center of the brain; there it will turn into sweet rain and shower the inner organs. Then you should cause this energy to circulate throughout your body, cleaning it out and burning away pollution, to change your body into a mass of pure light. After a long period of development, your body will transform and become immortal. If you practice refinement according to the right method for one hundred days then your earthly soul will lose its form, the parasites that sap your vitality, energy and Spirit will disappear without a trace, the senses will submerge into hibernation, and demons will flee. If you carry out this refinement for a thousand days, your whole body will become like a crystal tower, clear inside and out; the flower of your mind will be radiant, and a spiritual Light will become manifest. Whether to remain in existence or pass away is up to you; you may leave or enter without obstruction. Some remain physically in the world, some shed their bodies and ascend to Immortality."

Exercise 8: Standing Heavenly Orbit

This is a standing implementation of the microcosmic orbit, for the times when you feel you would rather do this than the sitting meditation. The sitting version is inherently more powerful and potent; however, this is included for completeness' sake.

This technique is different from the standard microcosmic orbit as there is physical movement, and as the qi goes through a greater portion of the body. It is not meant as a replacement for the microcosmic orbit; it is supplemental. It isn't for everybody; if you haven't tried the standard microcosmic orbit, I highly suggest you do so first. To even be able to do this technique properly, you have to be able to do the standard microcosmic orbit.

a. The Technique

Stand with your legs shoulder width apart. You might want to do lifting the sky or pushing water a few times; this is optional, though it helps to warm up the meridians.

This exercise should be done with the tongue touching the upper palate, and the anus squeezed shut, to keep the back in proper alignment and to ease the flow of qi.

Bend over forwards at the waist. Put your middle fingers on the inside of your feet, near the heel. Inhaling, guide the qi up the inside of your legs to the coccyx while simultaneously straightening the body. Now move your fingers around the belt meridian to the back, and guide the qi up the governor meridian to the top of the head (you might have to switch your hands over your shoulders bring it to the top of the head). This should all be done on ONE breath! It's a lot easier than it sounds, after you do it a few times it gets a lot easier to do.

On exhalation, using the thumbs, guide the qi from the top of the head down the conception meridian, down the outside of the legs and out the feet.

Repeat nine times.

Don't swallow the saliva that accumulates during the process. Save it up, and when you finish the nine repetitions, envision the saliva being a golden liquid. Daoists refer to this as the "jade nectar"- a beneficial byproduct of the microcosmic orbit. Swallow it all at once, and envision it spreading out from your stomach and energizing you with a golden light.

Novice Training Schedule

The following is a progressive, cumulative training schedule, designed for the complete novice to use over the period of one (1) year, to build up enough qi to manipulate freely. It is intended for the complete beginner at qigong, and gradually introduces the techniques described in this article to the student who wishes to "lay the foundation" for

the metaphorical "house" of immortality.

Week 1

Nothing but pumping qi, to get a good feel for it.

Weeks 2 and 3

Pumping Qi
Dantian Meditation

Week 4 and 5

Dantian meditation
Ki-cho-jaki

Week 6

Dantian meditation
Ki-cho-jaki
Yoseido

Week 7 and 8

Dantian meditation
Yoseido
Baduanjin

Month 3 and 4

Dantian Meditation
Yoseido
Baduanjin
Pushing Water

Month 5

Yoseido
Baduanjin
Pushing Water

Month 6

Yoseido
Baduanjin

Xing Zhoudien

Month 6-10

Yoseido

Baduanjin

Xing Zhoudien

Standing Heavenly Orbit

Month 11

Baduanjin

Standing Heavenly Orbit

Month 12

Dantian meditation

Xing Zhoudien

(to prepare for the exercises in the intermediate article.)

Training Supplements

Qigong, in itself, is an art of self-healing and rigorous training; what is usually talked about little is the concept that certain things can enhance your qigong practice considerably, outside of qigong itself. Just as a body builder crosstrains and drinks protein shakes, so can an internal stylist augment his qi through methods other than qigong.

Here, then, is a short section detailing a couple different qigong "supplements" that are widely used and highly praised for the effects they bring.

Tea

"Firstly, I'll talk about tea. Tea is a great drink for cleaning out the system and ensuring proper qi flow; certain types of qi work on different meridians, clearing out and cleaning the subtle bodies' inner workings."

"Tea contains a chemical called epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) that binds to the enzyme urokinase, preventing it from stimulating tumor growth. The Journal of the National Cancer Institute has published articles on the cancer-preventive effects of green tea."

"Researchers believe that tea lowers cholesterol because EGCG combines with bile salts and cholesterol to form an insoluble precipitate."

"There are more chapters on tea in the Chinese Herbal Material Medica (Ben Cao) than

on any other herb, including ginseng."

"A cup of drip coffee contains approximately 100 mg caffeine, black tea: 50 mg caffeine, green tea: 20 mg caffeine, bancha tea 0 mg caffeine. (Nevertheless, if you have cardiac arrhythmia, are taking MAO inhibitor drugs, or have any medical condition for which caffeine is forbidden, you must, sadly, avoid even green tea.)"

"Taoist and Buddhist Monks drink tea because it clears and refreshes the mind. If you are anxious or stressed, drink some tea and contemplate the beauty of nature, Drinking tea is meditation."

Green tea, by far, is the most beneficial tea to drink. It has many, many health benefits, and works on the lung, spleen, and stomach meridians (Oriental Medicine - 12 meridian system). It can also be purchased just about anywhere quite cheaply. However, there are many more teas that are equally beneficial, some of which are available for purchase here. A big part of becoming a tea drinker lies in drinking tea that you like- once you find one that you enjoy, stock up on it.

The Baoding

Baoding are small, heavy metal balls that used to be made out of solid stone or iron. They are named after the village in China of the same name that they originated in. In modern times, they are usually made out of hollow steel with a small plate inside that makes a ringing noise when the balls are spun in the palm of the hand.

Similar to the theory behind Ki-Cho-Jaki exercises, baoding are said to be very beneficial to the qi flow because they stimulate all the meridian points on the hands. This in itself means that the accompanying meridians are cleared out and stimulated as well.

Training with the baoding is simple, yet difficult at once. If you haven't touched a videogame in your life and have little hand-eye coordination, it will be very hard. Start off by holding them both in your right hand, and attempt to spin them around each other clockwise. Start slowly, and try to make them "ring" as little as possible, as that means you are clanking them together. At no point during the spinning should the baoding stop touching each other. The point is not to go fast, but to spin them as quietly as possible. Once you can spin them at an even pace quietly, try adding speed into the equation.

Eventually, the above will be easy. At this point, start spinning them with the same hand counterclockwise, progressing in a similar manner until you can spin them quickly and silently whilst spontaneously changing directions smoothly, at will. It takes a lot of practice!

After the right hand has become proficient in spinning them, move on to the left hand, and train similarly.

Terms to know/Glossary

Baduanjin: "8 pieces of silk" or "8 pieces of brocade". A basic qigong exercise.

Buddhism: A philosophy/religion taught by Gautama Buddha, with the ultimate goal being enlightenment and the transcendence of worldly desire.

Chi: Alternate romanization of "Qi"; Wades-Giles or Yale.

Dantian: A spiritual energy center in the body, where the nerve plexi are, and glands as well; there are three of them in the Daoist view, home to the Three Treasures.

Daoism: A philosophy/religion that strives to teach the natural Way of the Universe.

Ki: Japanese term for "Qi". See Qi.

Jing: "Essence". One of the three treasures, residing in the lowest dantian, near the spleen. In Taijiquan, it is "force", a kind of refined qi combined with proper body mechanics.

Meridian: Subtle channel in the body that qi flows through in a tight spiral to keep you alive.

Neijia: Internal martial arts, traditionally the "big three" of Baguazhang, Taijiquan, and Xingyiquan, however Yiquan and Aikido are generally considered internal styles as well as many other, lesser known arts.

Neijing: See jing.

Neiqi: See qi, chi, or ki.

O.E.C. or OEC: "Online Energy Community", theveritasacademy, psipog, astral pulse, psiscape, etc. Really any major site with a webforum or chatroom that deals with life force energy and the manipulation thereof.

Psion: One who practices psionics.

Psionics: An alternate system of energy manipulation that is primarily concerned with developing psychic powers.

Seiza: Japanese traditional way of sitting, with the feet underneath the body, knees bent, buttocks resting on the calves.

Tai Chi/Tai Chi Chuan: The most popular and widespread internal martial art.

Taiji/Taijiquan: Pinyin romanization of "Tai Chi".

Qi: Literally "breath". One of the three treasures, centered in the middle dantian, near the heart. In our case, it refers to life force energy. Pinyin (modern) romanization of the older "Chi".

Yang: Positive polarity; masculinity; aggression; heat; hardness.

Yi: Intention; willpower; volition.

Yin: Negative polarity; femininity; passivity; cold; softness.

Yuan: A perfectly equal balance of Yin and Yang.

Wu qi: The basic baduanjin stance.

Xing Zhoudien: "microcosmic orbit". A meditation technique characterized by the circulation of qi from the lower regions of the body to the top of the head, and back down again.

Conclusion

This concludes the first guide; on the whole, these exercises when practiced in order over a period of about 6 months. This should bring someone to a beginner's level; not quite the level of an adept. Keep in mind the saying, 'it takes 2 years to gain basic control over the qi, and 5 years to believe in it truly'.

Lots of people contributed to this guide by reviewing it and adding their own ideas about it. Thanks to (in no particular order): Whitjaso, Son Goku, The Mad Daoist, TheMistDragon, kobok, Prophecy, Darkduck, Silver_Archer, and anyone I left out.

In the next guide, more advanced circulatory processes will be revealed, as will methods for healing yourself and others with qi, in person and remotely. Applying qi martially will also be discussed, as will the dynamics of jing as it applies to taijiquan and fighting in general. Rest assured, this rather lengthy article is only the tip of the iceberg.

Until next time,

Ren Dao!

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Pictures have been restored.

These are the original pictures I took in 2004, I recently got an archive of my old website and these were in it.

Some of the postures are somewhat incorrect. In Holding the Balloon, for example, the arms should be lower and rounder (about the level of the Dantien). However, most of the pictures work, and should help beginners practice the forms more easily.

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This is a result of improper or too much practice.

It isn't that Qigong specifically does this to you; it is that if you have a pre-existing mental illness, any spiritual work that makes you turn inward can make you "go crazy". It's not just Qigong but Psionics and Magic. A lot of the time this manifests in visions, hearing voices, and so on. In the old days, people who had these kinds of things were revered and considered special. Now they're just considered crazy and locked away.

Personally, I'm bipolar myself. My Qigong practice (which is what is in this guide) has never caused me to hallucinate. It's never caused me to go crazy. My Qigong practice has helped change my world view and bring me inner peace. I can use it as an effective stress reducing tool when I feel overloaded. I can use meditation to contemplate the nature of myself, my negative feelings, my paranoia, and so on to understand those feelings and change them or realize they're delusional. For me, Qigong has been nothing but positive.

"There's a thin line between accepting your inner divinity and total insanity." - Prophecy

Qigong is what you make it. If you think it will make you crazy, it will make you crazy. If you have fear about it, it will ruin your practice. However, if you approach it from a receptive, clearheaded mindset with no expectations and are open to a positive experience you will be surprised.

For more reading try looking at the Yin and Yang Theory section in this article:
<http://forums.vsociety.net/index.php/topic,20963.msg207018.html#msg207018>

It talks more about some of the few dangers of Qigong, that is Yin/Yang imbalance and energy blockages and how to remedy them.

Regards.

~Kouji

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By now/preface...

This is the follow-up to the beginning daoist qigong article, and can be considered somewhat supplemental to it; it cross-references many different concepts outlined in that article, so if you don't understand certain ideas or points within this guide, I suggest you read (or reread) the first in the series, which can be found at the main page.

By now, you should have decent control over qi, in terms of it following where your mind goes, and should be able to do the microcosmic orbit meditations easily and efficiently. If you cannot do these things, I suggest you read the first article in this series and master everything in it before moving on.

The focus of the previous guide was developing and strengthening internal power. Therefore, the focus of this guide lies in application of the energy built up from the previous training; by itself, this guide is rather useless, really. This also accounts for the brevity of the guide as compared to the previous one. I've tried to emphasize the equal importance of both healing and attacking techniques in order to produce a well-rounded internal stylist; regardless, I must emphasize that instruction from a qualified instructor is preferable above teaching yourself from a guide like this. Taijiquan, Xingyiquan, Baguazhang, and Yiquan have not existed for hundreds of years for no reason. If you can find good instruction in ANY of those arts, I highly recommend taking them.

Without further ado, let's get on with it.

Exercise 1: Macrocosmic orbit

Similar to the microcosmic orbit, the Macrocosmic orbit is a technique that involves moving energy around the body in patterns to strengthen the spirit. This technique, however, is quite grandiose and can cause much internal heat; before beginning, I suggest you work in a clean room, nice and tidy, with no distractions, and a bed facing north/south.

Lie down on the bed, and rest your hands at your sides, with the palms facing up. This posture is called the corpse pose in hatha yoga. Now, when I say "inhale", I mean inhale and bring qi up that meridian, and exhale, bring qi down that meridian.

Inhale feet, outer leg meridian, governor meridian, to the top of the head. Exhale outer arm meridian to laogong point on the palms. Inhale inner arm meridians to heart. Exhale conception meridian down the inner leg meridian and out the feet again. As you can see, the basic technique is performed on a two breath cycle per revolution of qi, as opposed to one breath of the microcosm. Repeat 9 times daily.

After you have been practicing the above method for a month, move on to doing it the 'advanced way'- inhale, focusing on the top of the head. Exhale, focusing on the laogong point. Inhale, focusing on the heart. Exhale, focusing on the yongquan point on the feet. As you can see, in this method the qi follows the mind, while in the prior method the yi leads the qi.

Exercise 2: Standing Macrocosm Form

It is preferred that this practice be done outside.

This version of the microcosmic orbit has been expanded upon from the original technique by Dr. J.P. Fratkin, OMD (oriental medicine doctor).

a. Physical Form

This is a physical form consisting of movements to facilitate the transmission of qi through the meridians that I unearthed quite recently. It is a very effective supplement and may be helpful to beginners of the MC orbit. The internal qi movement is the same here as it is in the standard practice above, so be sure to include the movement of energy while you do the physical form.

Start with your feet shoulder width apart, standing relaxed. Put your palms together in a praying position near the waist with your fingers pointing out at a 90 degree angle from

the abdomen. On the first inhalation, move your hands so they face upwards (parallel with the body) and move your arms upwards. Keeping your palms together, move your arms until they are straightened with the prayer gesture above your head. Raise your arms in tandem with the qi movement; your hands should be all the way above your head at the same time the qi reaches the head.

As the praying hands reach the apex of movement, weave the fingers together and lift the palms, making the arms a bit more circular. Starting the exhalation, bring them down, pull them apart, one in front of the other, and outstretch them until they are parallel with the ground, palms facing the ground. Once again, the movement should stop at the same time the qi reaches the hands.

On inhalation, simply lower your arms to your sides, stopping when the qi reaches the heart dantian. Finally, on exhalation, bring the arms up in front of you, have them connect in front of the face in the starting prayer gesture, and lower them down in the opposite of the starting movement. Begin the cycle again, and move up to the 9 repetitions in the manner described above.

On the subject of dreams

Dreams are a reflection of our inner selves; our thoughts, feelings, desires, and fears are all made apparent through our dreams. They serve as a gateway to the subconscious and a door to the spirit realm. They can be scary or pleasant; blurry or lucid; emotional or detached. They are an oft-confusing union of paradox.

"In modern society, we often regard dreams as a form of relaxation. A way of your subconscious to deal with all the events that occurred during the day. For thousands of years, however, dreams were considered a portal to another world. In this world, mankind would receive insight into the present and the future." -Silverdawn

However, what is often overlooked is the idea that dreams can serve as a gateway to esoteric knowledge. With that said, I did not learn the following exercise through a sensei or sifu. I didn't learn it from a book, nor an instructional video. I didn't learn it through any of my mentors. Rather, I witnessed it being performed by Wudang monks in a temple in the middle of a mall (?) in a dream I had a few years ago. A senior monk walked over to me in this dream as I watched about 20 monks perform it in a small side area, whereupon he instructed me in how to perform it properly.

I haven't seen any movement or exercise like it anywhere. However, that doesn't necessarily mean it doesn't correlate with any existing exercise out there. If you have seen ANYTHING even remotely similar to it, please email me and describe it.

Exercise 3: San Bao Qigong Form

San Bao means "three treasures"- in this context, referring to shen, qi and jing. The major effect that this short form has is a synergy between the three. The ultimate goal of Daoist qigong is a reunification of these three energies into one, and a synchronization of that one with the rest of the cosmos, effectively reuniting the individual soul with that of the universe.

As a refresher- qi is the breath-energy, jing is the sexual essence-force, and shen is the intellect-spirit.

a. San Bao form

Start in a wu qi position (from baduanjin). Close the pinky and ring fingers of each hand; straighten and join the first two fingers into a "sword-finger" position, while keeping the thumbs in line, ready to touch the two fingers and complete the meridian circuit.

Breathe in deeply, and as you do, raise the arms. As your hands pass by the lower dantian, briefly touch the 2 fingers and thumb together with each hand. Reopen them as you continue to raise your arms upward, and touch them together again as they pass by the heart. Keep raising them, and touch the fingers together one last time as the hands pass by the temples.

After the hands raise overhead, as high as they can go, bring them back down as you begin the exhale and turn towards the right, pressing the open right palm outwards while the left arm bends and touches the chest (similar to the 'shaolin archer').

Return back to the Wu Qi stance. Now, repeat raising the hands, inhaling, and touching three times on the way up like above, except on this exhalation push the left palm outward while bringing the right arm to the chest, in an inversion of the above.

Return to Wu Qi. Raise the arms, inhale, touching three times once again on the way up. Now, when you exhale, bend deeply at the knees while pushing both open palms downward. This concludes one repetition of the form. Repeat it no more than ten times in a row, and don't do it at dusk unless you want to be up all night- it's very invigorating.

As you can probably suspect and may have wondered about, the finger touching does in fact close the meridian circuit in line with each dantian- touch once at the height of the lower dantian, once at the middle, and finally at the upper dantian.

Exercise 4: 2 basic healing techniques

Now that we've built up a good deal of qi, and synchronized the bodies' energy pathways with those of the cosmos, it's time to apply the energy we've built up. How? Well, qi can be used to heal yourself or others, and there are two such techniques I personally use to heal people. One could be called 'kong jing' or empty force, and the other is called deep tissue massage. The kong jing works at a distance, and is a

powerful transmission of healing energy- good to use on headaches, cramps, etc. Deep tissue massage actually involves touch, and is used on older, chronic injuries such as sprained backs, knee joint pain, etc.

a. 'kong jing'

'kong jing' translates to 'empty force'- not in the sense of hitting someone/something, but in the sense of a transmission of energy from any distance. In this case, you will need a friend or acquaintance who is open to such things, and who has a headache, or any sort of pain.

Stand two feet away from the target person. Make sure you know where the person hurts, specifically- this is important. Now- without touching the person, extend your arms in front of you, inhale and bring qi up from the earth along the outer leg meridians, to the top of your head. Now, exhale, and bring the energy down the outer arm meridians and out the laogong point on the palms to the person's area of pain. As you do this, focus on the energy being a white or goldish calming light, and focus on the emotion of love that that frequency of energy puts forth. Repeat for 9 breaths. When applied correctly, and done for about 10 minutes, the effects can be very powerful. It tends to work better if the person is open to such energy, and it also seems more effective if the person can't see what you are doing (they have their back to you).

This technique takes a lot of practice to effectively master. However, I once heard a story about a reiki master. A new student came to this reiki master, and had a large bruise on his leg, about 5 inches in diameter, and black. The master asked him to turn around, and applied a treatment similar to this. The next day, the prospective student returned, his bruise completely healed, and immediately paid the customary fees to become a student.

b. Deep tissue massage

This is a powerful technique used to heal yourself or others, particularly of old, chronic injuries such as weak joints.

First, start off massaging the area with Icy Hot, Ben Gay, Tiger Balm, etc. As you work in the rub, focus your energy on the afflicted area, seeing it as a golden white light removing obstructions from the area. Now, lightly smack the afflicted area, all over, with the back of your hand, while projecting qi down into the area, clearing out the stagnant energy of the wound. Each tap with the back of the hand penetrates the injury deeper and deeper. Continue doing this until the person comments that the pain is gone, or until you feel that your efforts have removed all negative energy from the area.

Finish off by massaging the entire area with qi. Remember, the more you focus on positive emotions and energy while you do this, the more effective the treatment will be. Some injuries may require more than one treatment to completely heal.

Exercise 5: Remote healing

Healing remotely basically is the extension of the 'kong jing' healing method explained earlier, however it is done sitting and could be considered 'psionic'. However, it is included here for completeness sake, as I aim to produce competent practitioners on all levels.

Healing remotely can potentially be a difficult skill, as you must first remotely connect to the person in question. This is accomplished through an empathetic method referred to as empathetic synchronization. Basically, through dissolution of the personal ego, and focusing on the person in question, that person's energy movements, physical pain, and emotion can be felt remotely.

a. Empathetic synchronization

Meditate until you reach a state of wuwei. This is defined as not knowing who 'you' are, a sort of blank state where one is in touch with the cosmos. As this is done, focus on the person you are attempting to heal. A picture helps, as does knowing that person's first name- repeat their first name over and over in your head until you 'feel' that you are that person. What do you feel? Happy, sad, lethargic? Feel the person's meridians and qi flow. Notice anything overtly odd? Can you feel pain anywhere? Try and correlate the pain to a feeling of negative energy. This energy must be suppressed or removed.

Ask the person about where they are in pain, and see if what you felt matches where they feel pain. If the synchronization was successful, it will. If the synchronization wasn't successful, they will report pain elsewhere. This method **must** be practiced extensively before you will be able to perform it adequately!

b. Telepathic linking and healing

Now that you have established where the pain is, you must either get rid of it by overpowering it with healing energy, or you must mentally move the pain out of the person's body and disperse it. Before either of those can be done, however, you must make an energetic 'link' with the target.

Hold your hands out in front of you. Channel qi from the lower dantian up to the rear 1/3rd of your brain known as the 'telepathy center'. See the energy gathered here stretch out of the back of the head and form a thick 'line' between your 'tp' center and the targets'.

Try sending a small amount of qi to the target with the intention of it coming back to you after it goes to the person. If nothing comes back, you are not linked. However, if you feel a small 'buzz' of energy impact your tp center, and you can tell it came from that person, it's likely you are linked to them successfully.

Now, the healing can begin.

c. 1st method of healing

Focus on your dantian. Now, focus on the area of pain in the target you linked to, by feeling it or visualizing it as a reddish energy. See healing qi flooding it, until the red sensation or color is gone. Do you feel any pain left? Perhaps check with the person and see if the pain persists. This method is semi-indirect, as you are focusing on isolating the feeling of pain and flooding it with healing energy by your mere focus alone. Oftentimes, this method will be enough to heal the person remotely; however, chronic pain may not respond to this method.

The second method is a bit more direct, and focuses on you applying yi (intention/volition) to directly move the pain out of the target's body.

d. 2nd method of healing

Focus on the pain in the person's body. Simultaneously focus on an area far out in space, perhaps a black hole of sorts. Now, using your yi, encapsulate a bit of the pain in your control, and jettison it out of the area as fast you can, while sending it off in space. Continue doing this until you feel no more pain, and replace the energy you removed by sending 'healing qi' to the person in question.

The anatomy of a punch

A good punch can be difficult to describe, as there are many different styles of fighting with different approaches to punching. It is the author's opinion that a kungfu or boxing style straight punch is the best approach, without 'chambering' and other unneeded/slow motions from Karate systems being a part of it.

Start with your hands held loosely in front of your face, with your feet about shoulder width apart, squared off, and both hands in loose fists in front of your face. Now, we are going to throw this punch with the right arm. All the muscle power generated here starts with the abdominals and ends with the abdominals. Take a small step forward with your right foot, as you do, lift and pivot the left foot outward, keeping the toe on the ground, while punching with your right arm. As the punch hits the target, you turn the waist, shoulders, and body into the punch, impacting the target with the "ram's head" or first two knuckles. As the punch strikes the target, squeeze the loose fist shut quickly. This application of muscle tension thrusts all the bodies' strength into the punch. As you punch, you drop the left fist and elbow inwards while protecting the punching side of your face with the raised shoulder of the punching arm. It was once said that the "dragon spins and the tail follows"- this sums up the proper technique's mindset quite nicely. The punch should not be the leading focus of the strike, rather, the bodies' motion should be the root of the technique.

Now, that's a lot of specifics to a single, simple punch! Most people don't do all these things when they punch, and they usually telegraph the fact that they are punching (by pulling their arm back and leaving themselves wide open to a quick jab and follow up). I suggest this method of punching be practiced extensively, until you can throw a physically powerful punch on a whim.

However, this brings up the subject of the next technique. The above technique is very similar to the way most pro boxers or UFC fighters punch- it includes the proper mindset, technique, and body mechanics- however, unless you are the size of Lennox Lewis, there is a limit to how hard you can punch with mere physical strength, called 'li' in Chinese.

Li is unrefined, pure physical strength, highly dependant on size, age, fitness level, etc. However, there *is* another kind of strength we have inadvertently developed by this point through the cosmic orbits, called 'jing'. Highly similar to Sigung Bruce Lee's explosive power, this force is a kind of pervasive inner strength that not only promotes good health and makes the person radiant, but can be extended out of the body in an application of internal force called 'fa jing'. Those with the ability to use fajing properly can hit with amazing amounts of speed and strength, to the point that a single punch can cause massive damage to internal organs, effectively dropping them with one strike. However, proper use of fa jing requires proper martial technique, so this description of a good punch was necessary before moving on.

Exercise 6: Fa jing

Fa jing translates to 'emitting force'. This is a very potentially powerful method of striking using not only body mechanics and proper technique, but also the subtle essence, jing, which has been developed by the practices insofar. It is largely correlative to the concept of "explosive power" developed by the late Bruce Lee.

"Emphasis on slow movements alone leads to slow strikes which an opponent can counter easily. Emphasis on fast moves only makes it difficult to feel the path of your energy and makes it easy to strike along a longer path than necessary. Being fast refers to the speed generated through familiarity of the energy path. It is a speed without loss of quality." - From "Training for Sparring" by Chen Zhaokui

I must emphasize greatly, upon having this section reviewed by multiple knowledgeable mentors of mine, that the information on fa jing presented here is presented as-is. It is advisable to learn things of this magnitude from a qualified instructor in Taiji or other internal arts over trying to learn it yourself. Regardless, I feel the information here needs to be presented in order to make the guide complete; please, before attempting to practice anything here, seek out instruction first. With that said...

Therefore, fa jing is defined as a strike executed at absolute optimum efficiency, with no loss of power, no telegraphing (giving away the move that's coming), utilizing the

bodies' energy and mechanics properly, done totally relaxed. Sounds quite difficult and complex, right? It can be, however, once you learn to properly execute it on command it becomes ingrained in your psyche to the point that ALL strikes you throw possess this quality of fa jing.

Fa jing is often likened to a sneeze. The hairs on the back of the neck and arms stand up on end, the eyes shut tightly, the whole body shakes and stutters, and you release a 150mph wind out of your mouth and nostrils, along with other assorted nasties. ^_^ This is the effect we are trying to achieve, a sudden, spontaneous yet controlled emission of power that damages the opponent internally.

To perform this technique properly, you'll need a focus mitt, heavy bag, sandbag, etc. Basically, anything that can withstand a very strong strike.

Get into a ready stance, as described above. Now, punch the target your hardest physically. 100%. The object should likely move back a good deal. However, the strike is obviously lacking, as it uses 'li' or pure physical strength, which is highly dependant on body size and other contributing factors.

Now, this time, we'll actually apply the fa jing in the strike. Take a deep breath in through the nose, and exhale through the mouth. Repeat, removing all doubt and negative thoughts, mustering the developed inner strength. Now, strike the target from a relaxed standpoint. As you do, draw qi up from the trailing foot through the leg meridians to the dantian, where it combines with the jing, and up and out of the striking arm. The energy should enter the target exactly as the fist is tightened at the end of the punch, where you should further direct it to penetrate deep within and explode outwards within the target. Immediately after the strike hits, you should return to a relaxed state, and withdraw your hand back to a ready position.

After the strike hits, you should not recall doing it in detail. When proper fa jing is executed, it is almost reactionary, and the mind blanks out with it's sole focus being only on the strike itself. Philosophically, it could be said that when fa jing is executed, one becomes the strike itself. Very similar to a sneeze, once again.

When done correctly, the target should react violently, moreso internally than anything. For example, when I execute a regular punch on my 80 pound heavy bag, it swings back and forth about 2 feet either direction, makes a loud "thwomp" upon impact, and takes a minute or two to stop motion. However, when I execute a fa jing powered strike upon the same bag, the bag wobbles and vibrates back and forth very quickly and does not move more than 6 inches in either direction, and makes a very audible "popping" or "thudding" sound. The difference is that in the first case, pure physical strength affected the bag externally, while in the latter, internally generated strength affected the bag on the inside.

It should be noted that it would be very unwise to attempt this technique on a training partner. You may cause internal bleeding or even death. Likewise, even in a real fight, it

would be good to use restraint when applying this technique, unless you don't care about your future, as you could quite possibly injure the opponent severely and end up with legal consequences. Finally, consider this quote from the Daodejing:

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"Weapons are the tools of violence;
All decent men detest them.
Weapons are the tools of fear;
a decent man will avoid them
except in the direst necessity
and, if compelled, will use them only with the utmost restraint.
Peace is his highest value.
If the peace has been shattered,
How can he be content?
His enemies are not demons,
but human beings like himself.
He doesn't wish them personal harm.
Nor does he rejoice in victory.
How could he rejoice in victory
and delight in the slaughter of men?
He enters a battle gravely,
with sorrow and great compassion,
as if he were attending a funeral."
(Stephen Mitchell translation).

Exercise 7: Fa jing training routines, fa jing targets, fa jing blocking and Lin Kong Jing

To effectively be able to apply fa jing power on command, it has to be trained with and perfected like anything else. The goal of this chapter/exercise then is to elaborate further on the dynamics of fa jing, as well as supplying a couple different ways of training employing fa jing.

a. Karate alternate punching

Anyone who has trained in a Japanese system is likely familiar with the basic training method of alternating punches from a horse stance. While an ineffective method of training a normal punch (due to unnecessary, rigid chambering of fists), it is an ideal method for simply practicing emitting power in a strike.

Start with 10 minutes of meditation. Finish the meditation with 3 circulations each of the micro and macrocosmic orbits.

Get into a narrow horse stance. Stand with your feet a little more than shoulder width apart, and bend at the knees. Make dual loose fists, and 'chamber' them by holding them upside down and near the waist. Now, alternate punching the target with each arm, each time twisting into the punch and employing fa jing while trying to adhere to the description of a punch above as much as you can whilst still in the horse stance. If

you need to, to maintain your focus, it is acceptable to take about 10 seconds before each succeeding strike. Do about 10 punches in this manner for each arm the first week, and steadily increase weekly until you are doing about 50 per arm per session.

After punching in this manner, it is quite normal to feel rather drained, especially in terms of qi. This is normal. To counterbalance this lack of energy, it would be advised to do this short meditation afterwards:

b. Refreshing Meditation

Sit down crosslegged or in a lotus sit if you can manage it. Now, meditate until you reach a state of wuwei. In this state, focus on centering all your energy into the dantian. Take note of any residual energy in the arms or abdomen from the alternate punching, and center it in the dantian. It is important not to leave any energy uncentered in the body, as it may stagnate or form blockages. This kind of meditation is especially important after generating a destructive energy such as fa jing, as any residual energy left behind will be doubly toxic to the etheric self.

It would once again be recommended to do a couple circulations of the microcosmic and macrocosmic orbits. This helps to rebalance the body and promote the circulation of fresh energy in the system. The last thing we need is stagnation.

c. Fa jing blocking

Blocking using jing energy is similar to striking, although it is a different motion and therein technically isn't fa jing, but rather jie jing- intercepting jing. The energy put out by the opponent is stuck to and redirected, before you take his energy and give it back to him in a thudding fashion with a counter-strike.

There are many different systems of blocking in the martial arts. I prefer a kungfu style open palm block, essentially a circular motion from the left to the right.

Stand in a horse stance, about shoulder width apart. Now, push to the left with your right hand, open palm, and twist your hips into it as you do. Merge with the oncoming force as you redirect it, and draw that person's energy into you from their arm.

This leaves the person open to counterattack. Obviously, the aims of this guide are not necessarily combat, so if you are using the guide as a supplement to your martial art study, any block can be substituted as long as it doesn't meet force with force (like Karate or Tae Kwon Do style blocking). The aim of the block is to redirect the oncoming strike, not clash with it.

After the block, take the opponent's force and redirect it through and out the other arm as you strike with fa jing, adding his own effort into your counter.

d. Striking a suspended object

This is a method of refining and training fa jing emission further adapted from ling kong jing exercises available at Mantak Chia's website, Universal Tao.

To start, you'll need a small object, a string, and a pushpin or something similar. I recommend using a ping pong ball, a soda can or a tennis ball can be used as well. I will present methods of training using both a ball and a can.

Find an empty doorjamb and pin the string up to the top of it. Hang the object in question up at about eye level.

d.1. Using a ball

Strike the hanging ball repeatedly, just barely touching it with the strike and employing fa jing; the aim of this exercise is to hit the ball and cause it to vibrate noticeably without it swinging far in any direction. Obviously, this is much, much harder than it sounds. The point is to strike using a transfer of energy, not physical force (li). It takes much practice to be able to strike in this manner.

d.2. Using a can or plastic bottle

This is actually much harder than using a ball, as the object in question here is much larger and can dent. The goal, then, of striking is to strike and get a noticeable shaking reaction, with no movement of the object, without denting it. Very difficult. However, once this feat has been achieved, you should have full confidence in your ability to employ fa jing; treat it as you would treat a loaded firearm.

On the subject of lin kong jing

Ling Kong Jing is a very controversial subject in the martial arts world. It translates roughly to "powerful empty force" and refers to the ability to knock people back, control their body movements from a short distance, etc. It is similar to the "no-touch judo" that Dr. Jigoro Kano and (o-sensei) Morihei Ueshiba supposedly had. It could be said to be a "true qi blast" in a sense, which brings to mind the lingering scent of "radki" in certain communities..

Simply put, I cannot perform ling kong jing, I know nobody who can, nor have I ever seen anyone do such a thing. Is it possible? Yes, I believe so, having seen video clips of it being performed. The clips I saw looked very authentic, however, there remains the possibility of wires being used. Regardless of that fact, it takes a good 5 years of serious training on a daily basis for about 3 hours a day to even be able to begin to develop this kind of ability. For that sake, I'll refer anyone interested in developing LKJ to this site.

For that matter, LKJ could be a very useful ability when applied correctly, however it is something I cannot teach or would even attempt to because of it's nature. There are instructors out there that teach it- they are quite rare- Donjitsu studies it, so I'd recommend you refer any questions to him (if you can find him).

Exercise 8: Auric Reinforcement

Auric reinforcement is a method of warding off negative spirits or wishers of ill will. It consists of two exercises to assert and strengthen your own energy when in a potentially dangerous situation psionically.

The concepts of "magickal warfare" or "psychic attack" are not new. In any community with a focus on metaphysics there always lies the risk that you may be maliciously attacked by forces outside your own control; whether the source of the attack is an "entity" (spirit) or another person is irrelevant for our purposes, as these techniques aim quite simply at removing yourself from immediate danger without returning an attack.

Some symptoms of malicious spiritual attack include, but are not limited to: nightmares, "night terrors"; pain in the stomach or solar plexus; headaches, especially those starting in the back of the head; joint pain; a steady feeling of fear that does not pass, and is not caused by anything in the immediate area; hallucinations, especially auditory; an extreme lack of energy; feelings of being 'drained'; pressure around the temples or any chakra centers; and many others.

While the above symptoms can be caused by any number of ailments, they may also be symptoms of malicious attack- especially if the symptoms persist over a number of days, and get progressively worse, for seemingly no reason. The first axiom of anything psychic is "trust your instincts". If you have a number of these symptoms after angering somebody you know is adept, and have a feeling you are being attacked by them or an infernal spirit they sent, there lies a good possibility that spiritual attack is indeed the case. Regardless, the majority of people who believe they are being attacked are usually not. If another, more fitting explanation for the symptoms experienced exists, take it at face value!

While the following exercises may be used effectively to protect oneself psychically, they do **not** have to be used only in that situation. They may be done regularly to strengthen your qi flow if you wish. In fact, I'd recommend it anyway- call it a vaccine, if you will.

a. Golden Aura meditation

Lie down on your back along a North-South axis, with your head pointing North. Lying along an axis like this aligns you with the Earth's magnetism and allows qi to flow more smoothly. Meditate until you reach a state of clarity (wuwei). Now, draw in qi through the feet, up the inner leg meridians, up the governor meridian, and out the top of the head.

This is one of the few exercises based around visualization- visualize the qi coming in your feet as being light blue, like electricity.

As the qi flows out of the top of the head, visualize it coming out as a golden-white light. Let the energy come down around you, maintaining the flow in through the feet and up the body, and have the energy surround your body entirely in a golden light. Allow your aura to shape itself and waver as it will- much like a candle flame, however as you add more and more energy feel and see the aura expanding outwards. If you are Christian, make the sign of the Cross on your body while you do this and pray for God's protection.

Keep channeling the qi thusly until you feel completely safe and out of harm's way.

b. Expanding Aura Meditation

Once again, lie down on your back with the head facing North. Keep the tongue touched to the upper palate for the entirety of this exercise. This time, draw qi in through the head and down the conception meridian to the dantian, in a constant flow. After this energetic flow has been established, draw qi in through the feet and up the inner leg meridians to the dantian.

Keeping these two flows going simultaneously may be difficult at first. The trick is to not focus on the actual flow of qi, but rather focus on the dantian point, where the qi is flowing to. After five minutes of drawing energy in this manner, start to focus on the aura and the space immediately around your body. See the aura strengthen and expand as you continue to focus on the dantian; furthermore, as the qi expands your aura outward, it pushes out any negative energies or influences far away from you. Do not focus on that negative energy or become preoccupied with any invading forces themselves- instead, simply acknowledge them as they get pushed away by the brilliance of your aura.

Once again, if you are Christian, you may invoke the Cross as well in order to protect you further.

When you feel you are finished, cease drawing qi into the body and focus any remaining qi in the body into the dantian. However, allow your aura to remain untouched.

Intermediate training schedule

Of course, this guide may be modified as you see fit to coincide with the time you have available to train. I would recommend completing the training schedule in Beginning Daoist Qigong before moving on to this one.

Month 1

Macrocosmic orbit

Standing Macrocosm form
San Bao Qigong

Month 2
Macrocosmic orbit
San Bao Qigong
Practice healing methods at any opportunity

Month 3
Macrocosmic orbit
San Bao Qigong
Practice healing methods at any opportunity

Month 4
Macrocosmic orbit
Fa Jing

Month 5
Macrocosmic orbit
San Bao Qigong
Fa Jing (striking suspended objects)

Month 6
Macrocosmic orbit
Fa Jing
Auric Reinforcement

Conclusion/Thanks

This concludes the second article. Expect the next one to have a drastically different focus with a large shift in paradigm from qigong to kundalini yoga. Admittedly, a lot less time went into this one than went into Beginning Daoist Qigong (+EX) due to reasons mentioned at the beginning- regardless, I really hope it helps you out.

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Until next time.

Ren Dao!

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